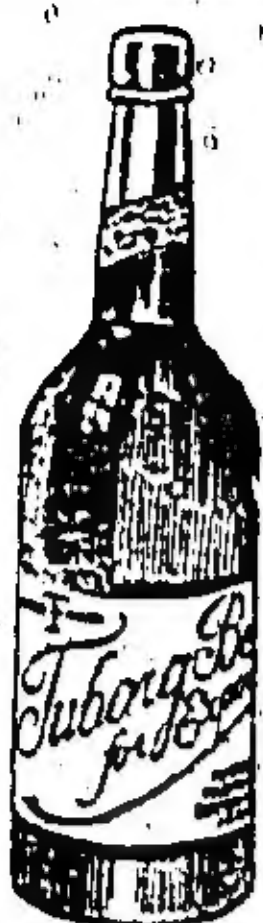


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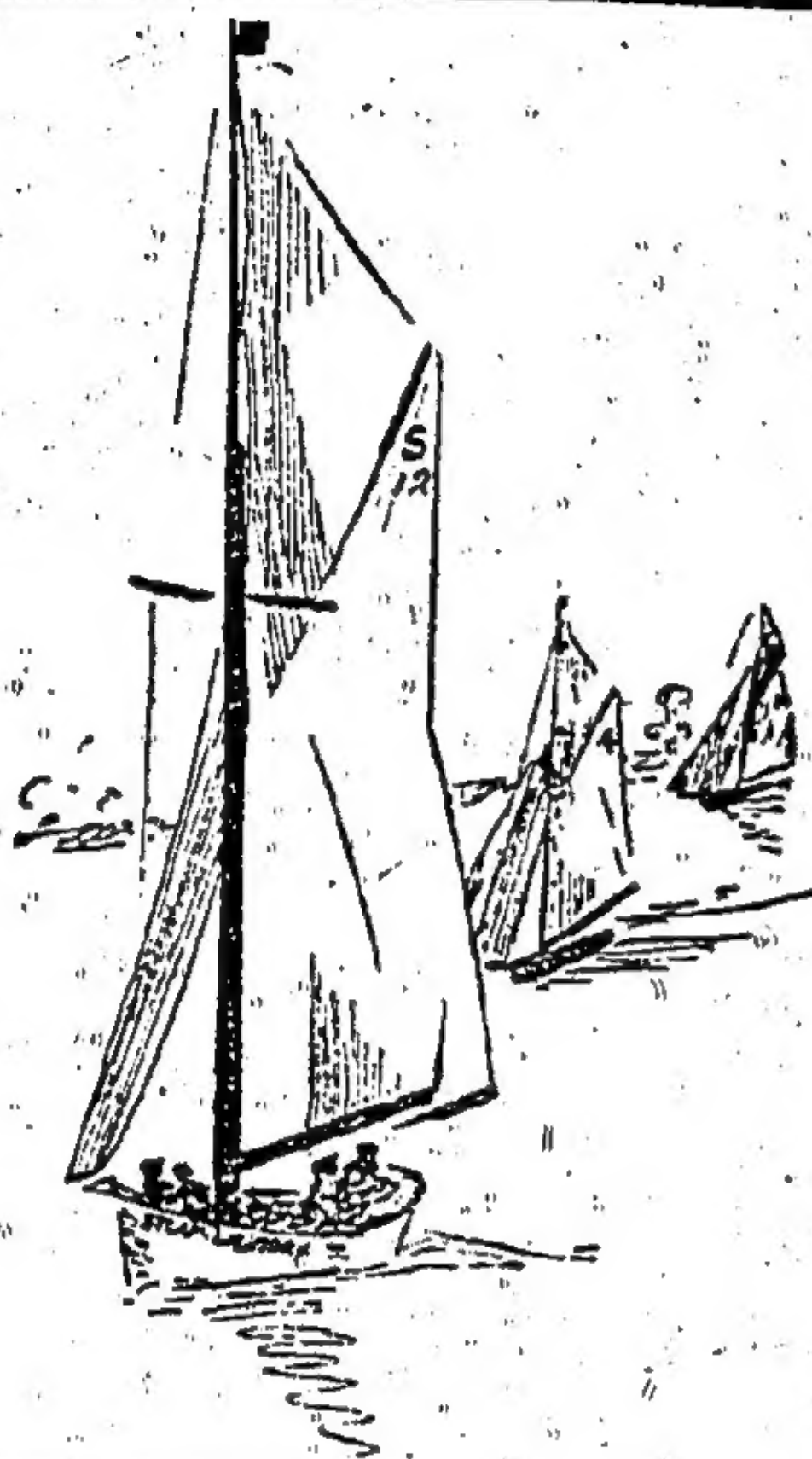
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 212.

1.—ENGINEER COMPANY.

The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the Engineer Company on Monday, 22nd February, at 5.30 p.m.

2.—MOUNTED INFANTRY AND ARMOURD CAR COS.

Musket Course Part I will be shot at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 21st February, 1926.

Range Officer: Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken. Members much draw their rifles and bayonets on Friday, 19th February, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and on Saturday, 20th February, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3.—ARMS.

Members are reminded that the rifles and bayonets must be returned to Corps Headquarters as soon as possible.

4.—STRENGTH.

The following are taken on the strength:

No. 1012 Pte. R. Murray, No. 7 Platoon, as from 8th February, 1926.
No. 1013 Pte. J. Petrie, No. 7 Platoon, as from 8th February, 1926.
No. 1014 Pte. K. S. Boulton, No. 5 Platoon, as from 8th February, 1926.
No. 1015 Pte. W. Jenner, A.C. Co., as from 9th February, 1926.

5.—PROMOTION.

No. 715 Pte. W. E. Elliott, Medical Section, to be Corporal, as from 4th February, 1926.

6.—LEAVE.

Lieut. W. Brackenridge, M.C., Armoured Car Company, rejoined from leave on 9th February, 1926.
No. 733 Pte. F. G. L. Wheeler, No. 3 Platoon, is granted leave from 4th February, 1926, to 17th February, 1926.
No. 870 Pte. N. J. Austin, Reserve Co., is granted 19 months' leave from 5th February, 1926, to 4th February, 1927.
No. 235 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies, Medical Section, is granted 10 months' leave, from 1st March, 1926, to 31st December, 1926.
No. 150 Pte. G. H. Haskett, Reserve Co., is granted 11 months' leave, from 5th February, 1926, to 4th January, 1927.
No. 843 Pte. H. G. Howard, No. 7 Platoon, is granted one month's leave, from 8th February, 1926, to 7th March, 1926.

7.—MARKSMAN.

The following has qualified as Marksman and is entitled to wear the badge for one year:—No. 653 Pte. C. W. Bewick, No. 7 Platoon, 90 points.

8.—RESIGNATION.

"H.E. the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by Lieut. John Bartholomew of his Commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the 3rd February, 1926.

9.—The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

No. 167 Pte. A. B. Purves, No. 7 Platoon, as from 5th February, 1926.
No. 661 Pte. E. F. Stewart, No. 1 Platoon, as from 5th February, 1926.
No. 883 Spr. E. L. Stainfield, Eng. Co., as from 5th February, 1926.
No. 709 Spr. C. W. Long, Eng. Co., as from 5th February, 1926.
No. 830 Pte. C. M. Vise, M.I. Co., as from 5th February, 1926.
No. 843 Pte. C. H. Haslewood, Reserve Co., as from 5th February, 1926.
No. 889 Pte. J. H. Brister, Reserve Co., as from 5th February, 1926.
L. D. JOLL, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1926.

CARDINAL'S WAR VOW.

CHURCH OF ST. JOAN TO BE BUILT.

Preparations are now being made by the Roman Catholics of Paris for the execution of a solemn vow made by Cardinal Amette, then Archbishop of Paris, in the dark days of September, 1914, when the invading horde of Germans threatened to sweep over Paris. Just before the Battle of the Marne Cardinal Amette, speaking in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, said that, if, as he expected, France were given the victory, French Catholics would render thanks by building a church in honour of Joan of Arc. She was not then a saint, but was canonised by Pius X. after the Armistice and became the patron saint of France. When her festival is celebrated next May it is hoped to lay the corner-stone of the victory thanksgiving Church of Saint Joan, which is to be erected near Saint Denis de la Chapelle, near the spot where Joan of Arc prayed in 1429 just before she launched her attack upon Paris. The prayer was offered up in the edifice which preceded the present church of Saint Denis, and after having led her army in its unsuccessful attack and having been wounded by an arrow, she returned to the same spot, which has ever since been associated with her name. The present church will probably have to be demolished to make room for that which is to be raised in fulfilment of the Cardinal's vow, and plans are now being made by the committee, headed by Mgr. Poland Cosselin. Over 3,000 square yards of land have been purchased, and contributions to the building fund are flowing in every day.

LORD MAYOR'S VISIT TO A GAOL.

"COMRADELY" TALK TO PRISONERS.

WHAT THE PARROT SAID.

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Frank Finn) paid a visit to Hull Prison with the sheriff, magistrates and other civic leaders, to wish the prisoners a brighter New Year. He threw off all official solemnity, and, addressing the men as "Comrades," introduced a spirit of geniality that released roars of laughter long locked up.

His visit was not made in any spirit of curiosity, he explained at the outset, admitting that the pleasure of the visit was heightened by the fact that the visitors could leave when they liked. (Laughter.)

"We have come," said the Lord Mayor, "to give you our sincere wishes that the New Year will open out a dawn of happiness and will cement the feeling of good will amongst us all. Despite our individual failings, comrades—and we all have our failings—we can all try to pull together this year to help to lift our good old country out of the mire in which the aftermath of war placed it."

PRISONER'S SPEECH.

One of the men prisoners, proposing thanks to the Lord Mayor and the Sheriff, spoke of the great services rendered by visitors and teachers who had sacrificed time and home comforts to go into a place like that.

"They have brought sunshine into our lives," he said, "and I wish to assure them on my own behalf and on behalf of my fellow prisoners that their labours have not been in vain. We are deeply grateful, and your names will ever be respected by us. Our united wish is that the New Year will bring you happiness, prosperity and peace."

The Lord Mayor's parting message was an anecdote.

"There was an old woman," he said, "who kept a parrot that used unparliamentary language. Being devout, each Sunday she covered the bird's cage with a cloth, so that devotions might not be disturbed by strong words."

"One Tuesday the vicar arrived unexpectedly and the old lady, in order that he might be saved from shock, adopted the Sunday practice of covering the cage. Polly, however, was heard to remark: 'This is a d—short week, anyhow.' The story was received with uproarious laughter and when silence was restored the Lord Mayor remarked: 'May your weeks be as short as the parrot's during your stay in this building.'"

CANADIAN MIGRATION.

THE "CLAN DONALD COLONY."

The Canadian Pacific Railway Colonisation Department has announced the signing of an agreement with the Imperial Government Overseas Settlement Committee, the fruits of which will be the creation of a British colony in Northern Alberta under the name of the "Clan Donald Colony." Another signatory of the agreement is the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society, which will secure the necessary immigrants to complete the colony of one hundred families, forty of whom are already in Canada. Thirty thousand acres of land in the Vermilion district of Northern Alberta have been purchased by the Canadian Pacific, to be divided among the settlers who are being assisted to the extent of \$100,000 by the Imperial Government Overseas Settlement Committee.

The Scottish Immigrant Aid Society is providing \$75,000 for the erection of buildings. Under the agreement with the Imperial Government each settler will have a farm of at least 180 acres with a farmhouse, a certain amount of stock and equipment, and will have an opportunity of purchasing his farm as he acquires capital at a price which must not exceed an average over the whole 20,000 acres of about £1 per acre.

The capital expenditure is in the nature of a loan, and as far as the land and buildings is of a long term character.

Each accepted settler, if he is sufficiently skilled and has a small amount of capital, will be placed directly on a farm, and already 40 of the former settlers on the three-acre plots have been accepted for transference when the farmhouses are built. There will be a farm superintendent for the area and the newcomers will have his help and local knowledge in working the farms. The land is virgin soil which is free from timber, and although no revenue from crops can be expected at first, the live stock section of the farm should soon begin to be remunerative. In any case, the conditions of repayment are such that no rental purchase payments become due until the end of the year following the year of occupation. Those families which have not the experience or the capital to go direct on a farm will be first placed in the cottages vacated by the men who have now gained experience and will work for a wage on the land until they, too, are in a position to farm for themselves.

"TOO LATE."

Here is a story all the way from Bucharest. A young Civil Servant bought some eggs for his evening meal. When he arrived home he found a rather blurred inscription on one of them: "I am twenty years old; fair, blue-eyed, with a rosy complexion. I wish to marry. If this egg comes into the hands of a nice young man I beg of him to write." Address. The young man hurried to the nearest post-office and telegraphed to the girl. Two days later he received a short reply by post: "Too late! I have been married four years and am the mother of a charming little girl. I am sorry."

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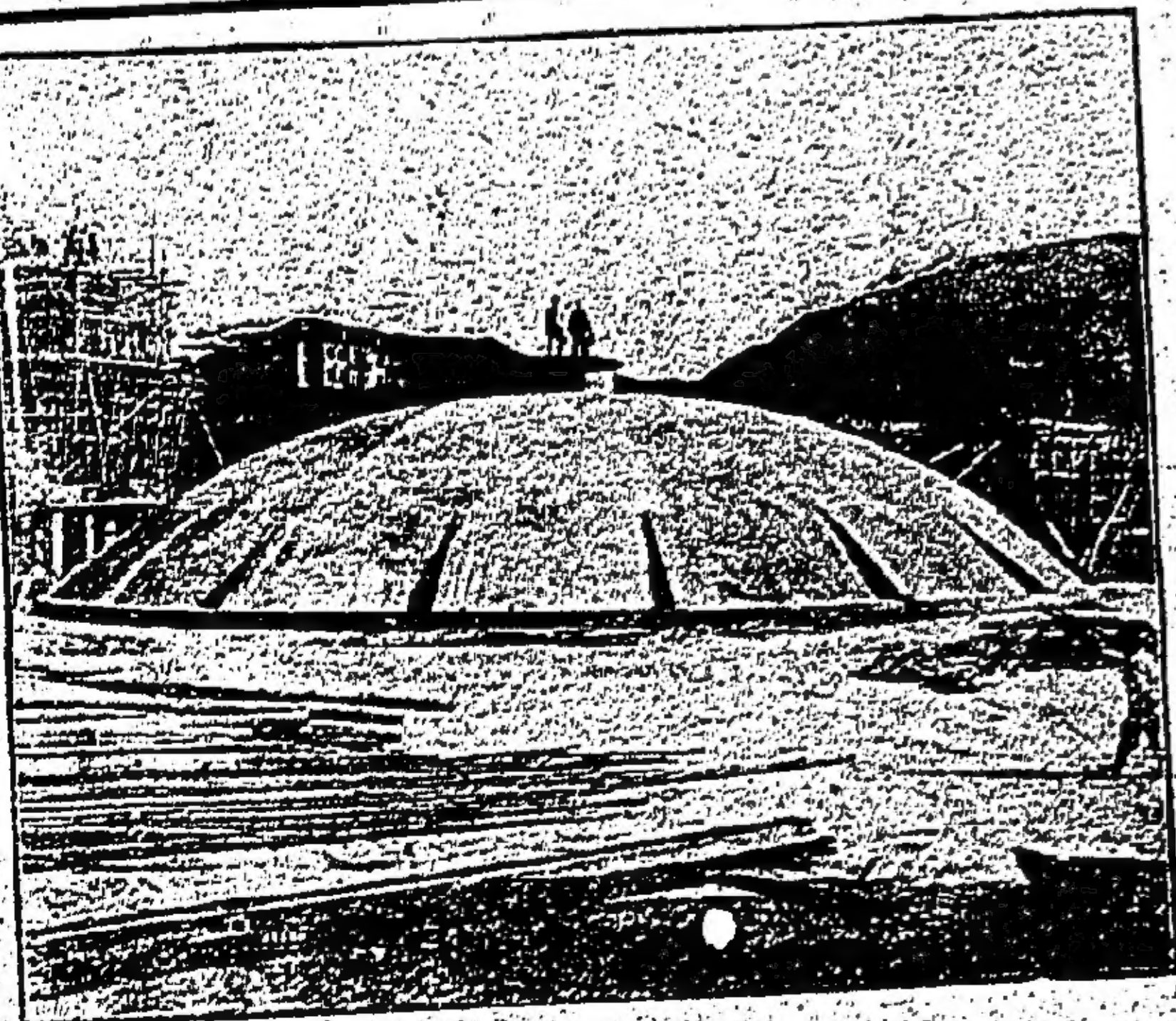
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THE COMING RACE MEETING.

THE ENTRIES.

The programme for the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual race meeting which takes place on Monday, 1st March, Tuesday, 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Saturday 6th, has been issued and makes a good showing.

FIRST DAY.

Entries.
1 Wong-nai-chong Stakes
2 Maiden Stakes
3 Victoria Stakes
4 Valley Stakes
5 Foochow Stakes
6 Trial Plate
7 Garrison Cup
8 Chater Plate
9 Jockey Club Stakes
10 Racing Stakes
11 Kalgan Plate

SECOND DAY.

Entries.
1 Causeway Bay Stakes
2 Exchange Plate
3 Hongkong Derby
4 Sub. Griffin's Challenge Cup
5 Jockey Cup
6 Great Southern Stakes
7 Lusitano Cup
8 Challenge Cup
9 Royal Navy Cup
10 "Black Rock" Stakes
11 Gymkhana Stakes

THIRD DAY.

Entries.
1 Grand Stand Stakes
2 Hongkong Stakes
3 Governor's Cup
4 Ladies' Purse
5 American Cup
6 Phaeton Stakes, "A"
7 United Services Cup
8 Champion Stakes
9 Consolation Stakes
10 Nil Desperandum Stakes
11 Phaeton Stakes, "B"

LOCAL SPORT.

INTERPORT GOLF.

To-morrow and Sunday are fixed for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's match with the Manila Golf Club. Probably Hongkong will play the Shanghai Club on 15th and 16th, and Manila will play the Shanghai Club on the 17th and 18th. The interport dinner will be on February 18th.

HOCKEY.

PUNJABIS DEFEAT THE CLUB.

The 5/2nd Punjabis defeated the Hongkong Hockey Club by three goals to one at the Marina ground, Kowloon, on Wednesday evening.

SHOOTING MATCH.

In connection with the Engineer Co. of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps a shooting match has been arranged with teams of eight a side. Members willing to take part are asked to send in their names to G.S.M. R. J. Everest, H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, by Thursday, February 15th.

The Engineer Company's rifle meeting will take place at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 28th, and members are asked to keep this date open. The details of programme will be circulated later. The Engineer Company's dinner is being arranged for Thursday, April 1st.

NAVAL BOXING.

March 1st, 2nd and 3rd have been fixed for the local Naval Boxing tournaments. The novices' competition will fill the first two days, which will be followed by the Fleet Championship on the third day.

ALLEGED STOLEN RECEIPT. CHINESE NAVAL OFFICER CHARGED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, 19 Tsze Yine, aged 30, an officer in the Chinese Navy, was charged with receiving a deposit receipt of the value of \$7,000, the property of Chan Lop Ko, knowing it to have been stolen.

Inspector T. Murphy prosecuted, and Mr. M. K. Lo was for the defence. The Manager of the Sincere Company said that the original receipt was handed to him by the Treasurer of the banking department, and when he saw accused he asked him where he got the receipt from. The accused replied that a friend had given it to him.

Witness further stated that the receipt had been lost and a new one issued. Witness told accused that if he wanted to demand payment on the receipt he must hold him for further investigation. Accused seemed to get frightened, and went on his knees, and asked to be allowed to go.

Another witness said that Chan Lip Ko was his friend and was now in Shanghai. Mr. Lo submitted that the prosecution had to prove that the document was stolen and that accused was in possession of it at the time and that he knew it was unlawfully obtained. Mr. Lo proceeded to quote numerous authorities on this point.

His Worship, who remarked that so far he was with Mr. Lo, said that in fairness to the prosecution he would like time to consider the points Mr. Lo had put before him and the authorities he had quoted. His Worship therefore remanded the case until Thursday next at noon.

Calendar advertising the well known products of Messrs. Cadbury Bros., Ltd., of Bourneville and Messrs. J. S. Fry & Sons, Ltd., of Bristol have been received from John D. Hutchinson & Co., who are the agents for these chocolate manufacturers. Cadbury's depicts a Chinese maiden of rank being attended by her maids and Fry's two young Chinese girls who recommend the products.

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TOURISTS IN THE COLONY.**SECURING FIRST-HAND
IMPRESSIONS.**

The tourists of the *Empress of Scotland* appear to be thoroughly enjoying their visit to Hongkong and the beauties of the Island and New Territories.

Yesterday two groups visited the Peak, whilst the third group did an interesting tour of the New Territories by motor-car. To-day the group that went to the New Territories yesterday will visit the Peak, group "B" will do a tour of the New Territories; whilst group "C" will go around the Island. To-morrow each of the parties will do the trips not previously covered in different directions.

A large number of the tourists continued their shopping expeditions, and the hunt for curios and souvenirs yesterday; whilst others visited the Chinese New Year Bazaar.

Among the passengers on the *Empress of Scotland* is Miss Marion G. Hennion, of New York, who crossed the Atlantic with that cinema idol, Rudolph Valentino, who was then only 19 years, when he went to America from Italy. Miss Hennion gave him, during that voyage, his first lessons in dancing.

The world tour is being made on the liner by Miss Ella Mary Martin, of Berkeley, California, who won the world tour contest conducted by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. She was elected the winner out of more than 3,000 contestants and was given two round-the-world tickets on the *Empress of Scotland*, being accompanied on her trip by Miss Mary Helen Plettenberg, also of Berkeley.

There is a daily newspaper, known as the *Em Press*, which is published whilst at sea on the liner. Personal items, relative to the passengers appear in it, and international news is obtained by Marconi from the larger news broadcasting stations.

As on every ship at sea the Rumour Committee is the busiest body aboard. It assembles more misinformation in each twelve hours of daylight than "Who's Who" ever published. But on the *Empress of Scotland* is a newly organised unit, cryptically known as the Society for the Propagation of Scandal. A baby leopard, now known as Ananias, is being offered for the best scandal.

When the liner crossed the equator just before arriving at Padang, Sumatra, more than a hundred were inducted into the Order of Neptune. The Ancient Order of Things was revived and all volunteers were lathered, shaved, and turned upside down in the swimming tank on the forward deck by Father Neptune and his suite. After the ceremony an engraved degree, countersigned by Father Neptune and Captain Latta, commending them to a knowledge of the secrets of the deep and to exoneration from future initiations as "the line."

Tolls aggregating \$25,233.98 were disbursed to pass the *Empress of Scotland* through the Suez Canal, which is an average of \$1.33 for each of her 18,202 net tons.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Harry West, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Harold V. Lundquist, Jamestown, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kauman, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. A. M. Wichman, Bellerose, L.I.; Miss Marion G. Hennion and R. B. Yerxa, New York City, were guests, while the ship was in Singapore, of Rajah Horn, the rubber king of Johore. The rajah invited the party to his Johore palace, situated in a 190-acre garden overlooking a great artificial lake covered with water lilies. His gardens have more than 1,500 varieties of orchids.

On Christmas night the *Empress of Scotland* was in Jerusalem and the World Cruise-Masonic Club visited the quarry of Solomon, tunnelled 700 feet under the city. It is in this cavern of white limestone that King Solomon is said to have instituted Free Masonry about 975 B.C.

The World Masonic Club comprises 75 members, 42 of whom attended the quarry ceremony. Col. Edward W. Reaout, of Montreal, is President of the Club, Mr. John R. Glasen, Brentwood, England, Vice-President, and Mr. Ernest Wadsworth, Mass, Secretary.

Sir Arthur Mayo-Robson, the eminent British surgeon, who is on the *Empress of Scotland*, was invited by his old friend, Sir Laurence Guillemard, Governor of the Straits, to inspect the proposed British naval base, doing so in the company of Dr. William Turner, of London, a fellow-passenger who is equally renowned as a physician and lecturer.

CHARITY DANCE.

"GLOBE TROTTERS" AT KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A cabaret concert and dance arranged by the Kowloon Cricket Club, in aid of the widow and four children of the late Mr. D. A. G. Allison, took place at the King Edward Hotel yesterday evening, and proved very successful.

The dining room was attractively decorated for the occasion, and a fine programme was gone through. There were about 200 people present, and dance music was provided by the *a.s. Empress of Australia* Orchestra.

During the dance Dick Norton and his band of "New Globe trotters" gave selections.

THE "FRANCONIA."**ANOTHER TOURIST LINER
SHORTLY DUE.**

Another tourist liner is shortly due to arrive at Hongkong, this being the *Cunarder a.s. Franconia*, which is scheduled to arrive at this port, in the course of her around-the-world tour, on March 21st.

Already three tourist liners have called at Hongkong, on a cruise round-the-world, one—the *R.M.S. Empress of Scotland*—being at present in port. Others that have previously called here are the *s.s. Carinthia* in November last year and the *a.s. Belgenland* last month.

This leaves three more to come. The next two are due within a day of each other, and incidentally both are vessels belonging to the Cunard fleet. The first of these is the *a.s. Laconia* (a description of which appeared in the *Daily Press* earlier this week), due on Saturday, March 20th, and the other is the *s.s. Franconia*, due to arrive on the following day. She is chartered by Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd. The liner's agents in Hongkong are Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

The cruise of the *Franconia* commenced from New York on January 14th and in her circuit of the globe she makes a call at the following places:—Funchal, Gibraltar, Monaco, Naples, Athens, Alexandria, Port Said, Bombay, Colombo, Padang, Batavia, Singapore, Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Chinwangtao, Yokohama, Honolulu, Hilo, San Francisco, San Pedro, Balboa, Christobal, and Havana, thence to New York. The total distance covered will be over 30,000 miles extending over four and a half months.

The *Franconia*, which has been specially designed for world cruising, is over 600 feet long and has a gross tonnage of 20,000. Her accommodation, which allows the very highest degree of luxury, includes many distinctive features. For instance she possesses a wonderful sporting arena. It includes a gymnasium fully equipped not only with the ordinary apparatus for physical culture but with a host of mechanical electric devices such as can only be found in the highest type of physical culture schools on shore. There is a large swimming pool and a racket court. In addition there is an extensive sun deck where all manner of sports can be held in the open air. Her public rooms include a card room, writing room, garden lounge, drawing room, smoking room, and a magnificent dining saloon. In addition to superb state-rooms, the *Franconia* also has a number of private suites and excellent en suite apartments with private baths.

The question of ventilation is of the utmost importance in a ship which is engaged in cruising in tropical climates, and this has received special attention in the *Franconia*. She has been fitted with the latest system known as directional valve, which, as the name implies, can be directed at will by the passenger. The *Franconia* has also a fully equipped laundry which is of considerable convenience to passengers.

ARMED ROBBERIES.**JUNK AND SAMPAN BOARDED BY
GANGS.**

Reports have been received by the police of both a junk and a sampan being held up by armed men, who stole from the occupants money and other articles.

In the first instance a trading junk, in which was the master, of Tau Mi, Ping Chau Island, and a *juki*, was boarded by two men, armed with revolvers, while it was in British waters between Sha Tau Kok (Chinese territory) and Kat O Island. The junk, which trades between Shatin and Kat O, was overtaken by the men in a rowing boat while a drop in the wind had becalmed it. Two men boarded it, leaving a third man in the rowing boat. When on board the junk they produced their revolvers and stole money and articles to the value of \$37.

The robbers then rowed away. In the second case a salesman of the Kong Cheung Lung rice shop, No. 63, Connaught Road Central, was the victim. It appears that on Wednesday afternoon he was returning in a sampan from Yin Tin (where he had been to collect debts) to Sha Tau Kok and was accompanied by a friend, who is a partner in a piece-of-goods shop at Chinese Sha Tau Kok. Another sampan approached with six men on board, two of whom, one having a revolver, boarded their sampan. The men stole from the salesman the sum of \$100 and from his friend a silver watch. The robbers, who were thought to be pickets, told their victims that they must contribute to their funds and also tried to persuade them to go on board their sampan, but the victims refused to go, and the robbers then left in the direction of Sha U Chung.

WEATHER REPORT.

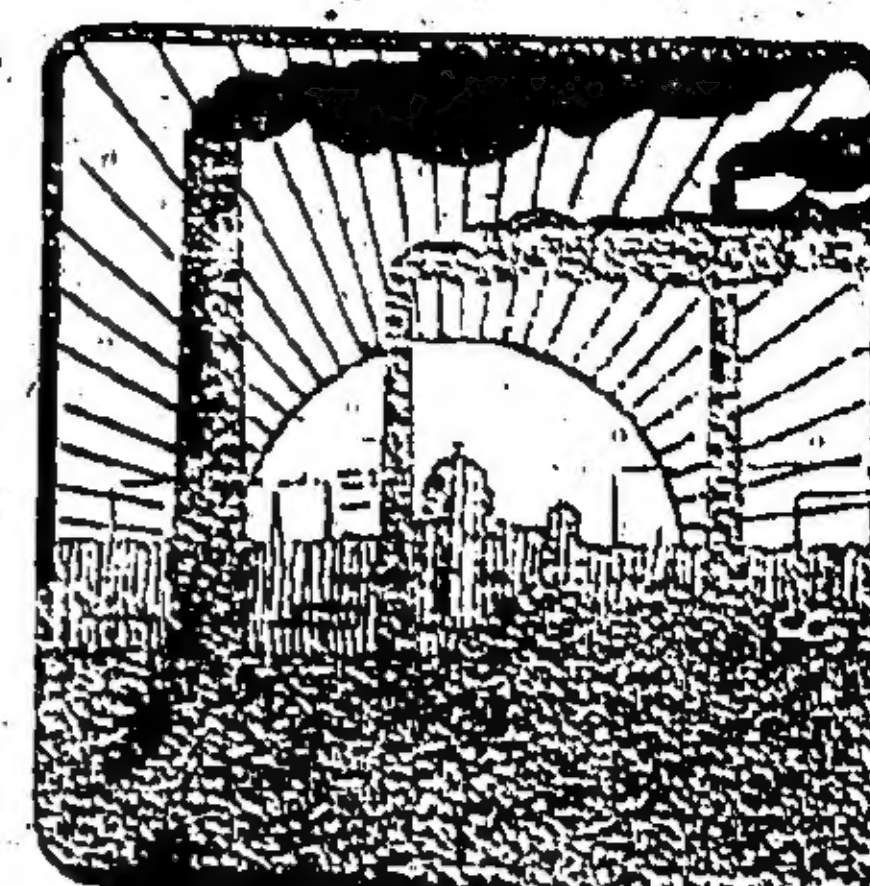
Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Hongkong Observatory stated:—

The anti-cyclone remains stationary and has increased slightly in intensity. The depression has passed into the Pacific. Strong monsoon will continue along the S.E. Coast of China and over the Northern China sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh to strong, cloudy, some drizzle or mist.

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MUSICAL MARVEL.**YESTERDAY'S "ORTHOEPHONIC"
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Many music lovers of Hongkong yesterday heard for the first time the new Orthophonic Victrola, which is expected to herald a new era in musical reproduction. The demonstrations were given by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., Victor distributors, throughout the day.

One of the most significant features of the demonstrations was the dramatic story of how this new musical instrument was developed. It was explained that the Orthophonic Victrola is a purely mechanical instrument, which reproduces sound from records with an efficiency fully 100 per cent. greater than that of all previous types. This remarkable improvement, it was stated, has been attained by re-designing the instrument in accordance with a newly applied principle known as matched impedance.

It was this principle of matched impedance which originally made possible long distance telephone communication. By translating this electrical principle into mechanical terms, it has been possible to eliminate those elements in talking machine construction which heretofore have prevented faithful and undistorted reproduction of sound.

Application of this electrical principle to the mechanical talking machine was worked out by engineers of the Bell Laboratories of the Western Electric Company. When the formula was offered to the Victor Talking Machine Company, engineers of that company had reached a point in their own independent researches which enabled them to take immediate advantage of this revolutionary principle.

Application of this principle of matched impedance has necessitated complete redesigning of the talking machine as it has been known in the past. The chief changes lie in the diaphragm, tone arm and horn. The new diaphragm is made of very thin duralumin, which has an almost uncanny sensitiveness. Every curve in the sound passage is mathematically designed; and the orthophonic horn is just two inches less than six feet in length. It is possible to build such a length of horn into the cabinet by a unique method of folding, similar in effect to a snail shell.

This new principle of design has made possible the reproduction of practically (Continued on next column.)

A NEAT TRICK.**SANITARY DEPARTMENT FORMS
USED.**

Two Chinese were charged at the Central Magistracy with obtaining \$3.40 from an eating house at 137, Queen's Road East, by false pretences, but the second defendant was discharged as Inspector Spear had no evidence to offer against him.

From the evidence given, it appeared that the other defendant obtained a form, which is sent out by the Sanitary Department advising the occupants when to have their premises lime-washed, and, filling it in, he had it served on the tea house. A little later defendant called on this house and asked if they wanted any lime-washing done, but the occupants had discovered the fraud perpetrated.

Sanitary Inspector Wicheil said that the form which was used was not the usual one sent to tea houses and it had not been sent out by the Sanitary Department. The Secretary had charge of the forms, but he could not say offhand whether it was possible for anyone to obtain one.

The defendant, in reply to a question, said that he obtained the form from the chief office.

His Worship suggested that this matter should be looked into by the police. It was stated by Inspector Spear that a number of complaints had been received from the Sanitary Department regarding similar offences, but this was the first time an offender had been caught.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

The entire range of musical sound with fidelity—notes which heretofore were either lost altogether, or were badly distorted in reproduction are reproduced by the new instrument with their original purity of tone colour.

Photographic fidelity is the phrase that probably best describes the outstanding characteristic of the Orthophonic Victrola. The harp, the harpsichord, the tympani, and other instruments which were the despair of talking machine designers, now can be reproduced in their true beauty, with unimpairing timbre. An entire band, orchestra or chorus can now be recorded and reproduced with the same effect as if the ensemble were actually present, as was demonstrated by the records played at the demonstration.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT.
PASSING THROUGH HONGKONG.

Among the passengers on the N.Y.K. steamer *Kashima Maru*, due here this morning (Friday), is the Right Hon. Sir Charles Norton Edgecombe Eliot, G.C.M.G., etc., who is on his journey to England. He will probably be in the Colony only a few hours as the *Kashima Maru* is due to sail on Saturday, 13th inst.

Sir Charles Eliot is no stranger to the Far East, having resided in Hongkong from 1912 until 1918. He was the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong, having had the experience of being Vice-Chancellor in the University of Sheffield (1907-12). He published a book entitled "Letters from the Far East" in 1907 and visited Hongkong in 1911 before he was appointed to the University.

SCHOLAR AND DIPLOMATIST.

Few men have had such a varied career or have found fame in such different walks of life as Sir Charles Eliot. His career at Oxford (Balliol) was one continuous record of prizes and academic distinction. He was pitted against some of the greatest intellects of his era, but he was Hertford Scholar (1881), Boden Sanskrit Scholar (1883), Ireland (1883), Craven (1884), Syriac Prize (1884), Derby Scholar (1886) and Fellow of Trinity College.

There is a tradition that Sir Charles Eliot can converse in 27 different languages and can translate many others. He wrote a Finnish Grammar (1890) and during his residence in Hongkong devoted a great deal of time to the study of the Chinese language.

His first appointment was in the diplomatic service as Third Secretary to the Embassy at St. Petersburg (1889-92). He was in the Embassy at Constantinople (1893-98) and it was as a result of his observations there that he wrote his famous book "Turkey in Europe" (1900). He held diplomatic appointments in Morocco, Bulgaria, and Serbia and was Secretary to the British Embassy, Washington (1898). He probably knew more about the Balkan situation before the Great War than any other Englishman as he, naturally enough, acquired the language of various Balkan States and, being a diplomatist, was greatly interested in European politics.

After about eleven years in the diplomatic service he became British High Commissioner to Samoa, and then was Governor of British East Africa (although the actual title then was Commander-in-Chief for the British East-African Protectorate, Agent and Consul-General at Zanzibar). After four years he resigned his office owing, it is said, to a difference of opinion about certain rules and regulations which he believed were unfair on some of the natives in East Africa.

THE UNIVERSITIES.

It was, perhaps, natural that he should decide in favour of a life of academic calm after the varied experiences outlined above. We may be sure that the then new University of Sheffield was only too glad to obtain such a distinguished scholar as Vice-Chancellor; yet one feels, instinctively, that the setting of Sheffield, with its smoking factories and its modern industrialism, was not in harmony with the ideals of this great classical scholar. He probably came to Hongkong for the sunshine and that quiet so essential for deep researches.

Of his work in this Colony there is little need to remind readers of this journal. A familiar figure on University Degree days, he delivered many fine lectures. About two years ago he received the Honorary Degree of LL.D., and the Hongkong undergraduate carried him in triumph from the Great Hall to Government House. He had previously received the same degree at Edinburgh and the D.C.L. at the University of Durham.

During his residence in Hongkong, Sir Charles confined himself very much to his administrative duties at the University and to his researches. He was, indeed, a glutton for work. He gave the impression that he thought that most of the time spent out of his study was time lost. On the other hand there was no more entertaining member of a dinner party than this accomplished diplomatist and scholar.

He left Hongkong to become H.M.'s Commissioner in Siberia (1918) and British Ambassador to Japan (1919-23). There can be no doubt that he was appreciated and that the people of the country appreciated his talents and his personality. It is almost incredible that so distinguished an Oriental scholar should be leaving the Far East. Sir Charles Eliot gained the respect of those privileged to know him in this part of the world. He is an inspiring leader and possesses "the genius for friendship" which is not very common. For all his distinguished scholarship and wide knowledge of human nature, he has the kindly heart of the truly great man.

We may hope that he is not saying "Farewell" to Hongkong, but merely "au revoir."

BANDITRY IN KWANGTUNG.
[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Along the West River, there are no fewer than seven organised bandit and pirate strongholds operating under the names of Kwangtungtang, Chuen-shin-tang, Lungshuntang, and other Tangs, with some 13 stations en route to exact tribute from passing vessels. Many of the Tang stations also fly the red flag. The strength of each Tang runs from 100 to 600 men. Along the East River, the Tangs are also numerous, and between Canton City to Sheklung, a recent report stated that there are 23 pirate dens demanding tribute from trading junks. A detailed report, said to be in the hands of the Kuomintang, recently gave the number of bandit strongholds in the North River districts as about 80-97 to be exact—their combined strength being estimated at something like 7,600 men.

The bandits and pirates take special delight in assisting the Kuomintang in relieving trade junks and sea-borders of contraband, which now includes goods imported from Hongkong and Macao, in addition to opium and petroleum oil, now a monopoly reserved to Government agencies to handle or transport. Private importation of kerosene oil from Hongkong agencies of the Standard Oil Company or the Asiatic Petroleum Company was formerly a regular business but now this oil can only be smuggled in. The smuggling of it has become a lucrative business, as a case of kerosene oil sometimes commands as high a figure as \$13 to \$14, while formerly when trade was unfettered it would be purchased for less than five dollars. The Kuomintang is charging some of the pirates in Canton waters to the account of anti-Reds, who, however, are now powerless in South China.

THE BOYCOTT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Strike Committee in Canton has been sending out pickets to Hoihow to inspect Chinese passengers.

Women pickets are being employed now to search women travellers. They are most in evidence in Chinshan, just beyond the Macao border.

Chinese visiting Canton for the Chinese New Year holidays will be expected to purchase an honorary membership ticket admitting the holder to the Yueh Shau Garden Fete for the benefit of the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Fund at a cost of \$10 and \$100.

THE PIRATE BASE AT
BIAS BAY.

ANOTHER \$80,000 LANDED THERE.

Within a month bullock amounting to \$110,000 has been looted by pirates from ships and landed at Bias Bay, a notorious pirate rendezvous just beyond the territorial waters of Hongkong.

Just before Christmas the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Tungchow* was brought down from north of Shanghai by a pirate gang who took off at Bias Bay the bullock the ship carried—amounting to \$36,000—and much valuable property looted from the passengers. Four of this gang who had travelled north again presumably bent on another enterprise of the kind, fell into the hands of the police, were identified by officers of the *Tungchow* and have been sentenced to death by the Shanghai Mixed Court, which is presided over by a Chinese judge, sitting with a foreign assessor.

This week bullock to the value of over \$80,000 has been looted by pirates from the little French coaster *Jade* which was on a voyage from Kwang-chow-wan (French leased territory) to Hongkong.

A long series of piracies in recent years has made the public familiar with the *modus operandi*. Evidently it was known that the vessel was carrying bullock, and the pirates took passage on her as ordinary passengers; and there was nothing to excite any suspicion. They did not reveal their true character until the vessel was about eight hours out from Kwang-chow-wan, when a revolver shot was fired as a signal for the gang to start operations. Captain Materni and his small crew were speedily overpowered by the armed marauders and compelled to navigate the vessel to She-mei, in Bias Bay, where the ship's bullock was taken ashore, and the ship, being then free of the pirates, proceeded to Hongkong, arriving here on Wednesday evening.

The other passengers were not robbed. The pirates had evidently come for the bullock and the "swag" satisfied them.

OBITUARY.

MR. C. J. B. HELLSTROM.

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. C. J. B. Hellstrom, who was found dead in his bath at 9 o'clock on Wednesday night at his residence No. 4, Banoo Buildings, Kowloon. He had come down from Canton in the morning.

The late Mr. Hellstrom was a Swedish subject and was Consul for Sweden at Canton. At the beginning of the war he was in the Swedish diplomatic service in Russia, and after the Revolution broke out he had charge of British interests at Moscow for some months. Leaving the diplomatic service he came out to Hongkong five or six years ago as the agent of Swedish paper manufacturers and was attached to the firm of Gilman & Co. We believe he worked up a good connection with Chinese merchants, especially in Canton and West River ports, before trading conditions became so bad as a result of the political disturbances and warfare in the territory.

He spoke Russian, German and English fluently and it will be recalled that in August last he prepared a very informative paper on the progress of Bolshevism at Canton, which was read at a very largely attended public meeting in Hongkong. The accuracy of his information and judgment on the subject have since been revealed.

Mr. Hellstrom went home on holiday about two years ago travelling via Siberia, and spent some little time in Russia studying the conditions brought about under Bolshevik rule. He left the country with gloomy impressions of what he had observed.

He was away from the Far East for some six or eight months, but was contemplating an early return to Sweden owing to the unsatisfactory state of business in South China.

He was about 35 years of age and unmarried. He is survived by a father and mother who live at Norrköping, Sweden. The late Mr. Hellstrom made many friends both in Hongkong and Canton who are shocked to learn of his premature death.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place yesterday at Happy Valley, when the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, B.A., officiated. Among those present were:—Mr. C. Miskin (Vice-Consul for Sweden), as chief mourner, Mr. Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Messrs. M. Karstén, Karsten Larsson (Consul for Denmark), Sverre Berg (Consul for Norway), C. H. Basto (ad honorum Consul for Bolivia), A. L. C. de Albuquerque (Consul for Portugal), querque, B. O. Blaker, A. Keith, E. C. Fincher, W. J. Hansen, Holger Drayer, H. Effersoe, Madam Petroff, Surg.-Com. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunt.

Wreaths were laid on the grave from the following:—The Consular Body of Hongkong, Mr. M. J. Quist (Consul for Netherlands), Mr. and Mrs. S. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Karsten Larsson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Miskin, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hansen (Canton), Surg.-Com. and Mrs. Lawrence, H. Hunt, Mrs. Petroff, Major and Mrs. Olivecrona (Canton), Mr. and Mrs. E. Schuydt (Canton), Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Miss R. Mow Fung and Miss E. Rogers, Capt. T. Arthur, Mr. F. H. Dorf, Messrs. H. H. Xavier, F. Murer, N. Bjuko (Canton), E. Kern, H. Drayer, J. Krogh, Moe, B. O. Blaker, A. Keith, E. P. and F. C. Fincher, P. S. Ming, Y. Ming, and the staff of Gilman & Co., Ltd.

MR. D. E. BROWN.

A cable from Vancouver received in the Colony yesterday announces the death of Mr. D. E. Brown, who was General Agent of the Canadian Pacific in Hongkong from 1891 to 1908, at the age of 71 years.

The late Mr. Brown was one of the pioneers of the Canadian Pacific and as a young man was sent to Port Moody in 1890.

He was born in the county of Grey, Montreal, of Scottish parents and entered the offices of the C.P.R. when quite young. Struck by the excellence of his work at Port Moody, he was sent to the Antipodes and the Orient, and was also commissioned to open connections for the company in New Zealand and Australia. He eventually came to Hongkong in 1891, and made the Colony his headquarters.

During one of his trips in the South Seas he met Robert Louis Stevenson, and Stevenson specially refers to him in one of his books.

After three severe illnesses in Hongkong he was advised to go home and was appointed General Superintendent of the Trans-Pacific Steamships until his retirement on pension. He resided at "Bunkers," Shingnessy, Vancouver.

He was well known to the older residents of Hongkong. Mr. Allan Cameron, the present Oriental Manager of the Company, is a nephew of the deceased.

SUSPECTED MURDER AT
SHAMSHUPO.

According to a report received by the police, the master of the Hop Cheung Oil Shop, No. 120, Nam Cheung Street, Sham Shui Po, was found dead in his shop on Wednesday morning. The man had apparently been murdered; the motive being robbery, for strangulation marks were found and the shop had been ransacked, but exactly what was stolen is not yet known.

A WAITER'S ALLEGATION.

SENTENCE FOR ASSAULTING
"EUROPEAN" REVISED.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the Chinese waiter of Victoria Café, Des Vaux Central, who at the instigation of a European, named James Royston Stuart, was charged with having attempted to stab him with a table knife on Tuesday, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Complainant failed to appear to substantiate the charge when the case was opened at the Central Magistracy on Wednesday. Yesterday, he appeared and stated in evidence that he and his wife were having tiffin at the Café on Tuesday, when he drew defendant's attention to the dirty knives and forks. He told him to bring clean knives whereupon defendant grasped one of the knives on the tables and tried to stab him. He (complainant) then struck out in self-defence, and in the scuffle received a cut on his thumb.

Defendant said that he misunderstood complainant's request, and asked him to repeat it, whereupon he was struck on the face. He denied having attempted to stab complainant. Defendant also alleged that complainant tried to get away without paying for his meal.

A witness for the defence said that he saw complainant push the defendant away and strike him on the cheek. Defendant had a knife in his hand.

Complainant's wife said that she did not see her husband strike defendant, nor did she actually see defendant pick up the knife.

Major Willson considered the charge proved, and imposed sentence as stated.

IMPRISONMENT CHANGED TO FINE.

In the afternoon, however, Mr. M. K. Lo applied to Major Willson to re-hear the case.

Mr. Lo said: I am applying to your Worship to re-hear the case heard by your Worship this morning and I want to apply to your Worship to reconsider your decision so far as it concerns the penalty. I understand there is conflicting evidence with regard to the case. The complainant alleges that the defendant attacked him with a knife and that in self-defence he tried to ward off the blow and then hit the defendant. An independent Portuguese gentleman, who was sitting at the next table, says that he saw the complainant strike the defendant after ordering the defendant to remove some dirty knives. Having regard to the evidence that the defendant had a knife in his hand, your Worship might find that the complainant was hurt as a result of the holding of the knife. I submit, however, that it was quite unintentional and not deliberate, and I submit that the injury received by the complainant was quite superficial. I admit and did not amount to much. I admit that even if complainant might have struck the defendant first the defendant should not have had the knife in his hand.

His Worship remarked that he agreed to a certain extent with what Mr. Lo had said, and that there was a certain amount of difference in the evidence.

Mr. Lo: I would ask your Worship not to sentence the defendant to imprisonment, but to impose a fine.

His Worship: I do not think that there was any deliberate intention of stabbing, but that the knife was caught up under provocation. In these circumstances I will impose a fine of \$25.

AN INGENIOUS TABLE.

HOW GAMBLERS WERE FLEECE.

Clever devices in order to fleece the unwary are the attributes of quick-witted and stall-holders at all fairs, whether they be those of the East or the West. Such a "trickster" was found by the police in one of the side streets down Bonham Street and way on Wednesday. He had a table with a revolving centre on which there were Chinese characters. Money would be placed on certain numbers; then the centre would be revolved. If the rod stopped opposite to one of the numbers which had been chosen, a prize of a packet of cigarettes would be given to the lucky gambler. But the wily stall-holder did not intend giving many prizes away, and invariably the rod stopped opposite a number which had not been chosen. Under the table a secret spring was affixed and the manipulator could stop the revolving centre as he pleased. The table was produced in Court, and was certainly an ingenious production.

Major Willson, in imposing a fine of \$25, said that it appeared to be a beautiful game, but defendant could not be regarded as a public benefactor.

AN UNFAITHFUL SERVANT.

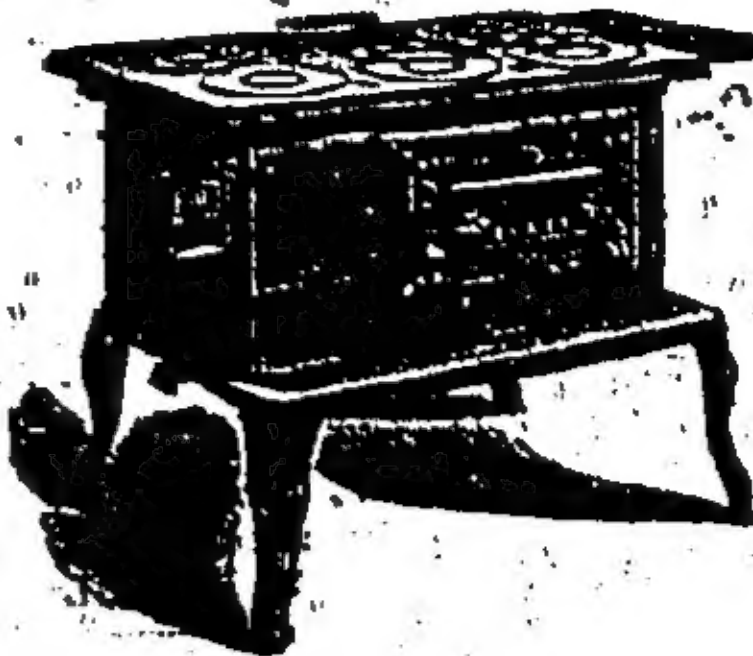
SENTENCED FOR ROBBING HIS
MASTER.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with stealing a typewriter and a raincoat, belonging to his master, a Chinese merchant of Lyndhurst Terrace. The articles were valued at \$100 but defendant pawned them for \$20. He had a previous conviction for stealing a typewriter.

In sentencing him to six weeks' hard labour, Major Willson said that it appeared he made a hobby of stealing typewriters. The pawnbroker was ordered to return the typewriter, but with regard to the raincoat, complainant was told that he would have to arrange for its return.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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NOTICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ON SATURDAY, the 13th INSTANT, and MONDAY, the 15th INSTANT, All Departments will be CLOSED.

ON THURSDAY, Dispensing Department, will be OPEN for Dispensing Prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1926. [3181]

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 31 of 1925.

Re G. P. & H. A. LAMBERT, carrying on Business at Bank of Canton Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, a/s/s/s/s.

NOTICE OF SECOND MEETING OF CREDITORS.

A T An Adjourned First Meeting of the Creditors in the above matter held at the Official Receiver's Office, on the 9th day of December, 1925, it was resolved by Special Resolution of the Creditors present to entertain a Proposal for a Scheme of Arrangement, the Terms of which have been Notified to Creditors who have proved.

The Meeting for the purpose of deciding whether the above Resolution shall be confirmed will be held at the Official Receiver's Office, on FRIDAY, the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 1926, at 3.00 P.M.

The Proposal for a Scheme of Arrangement can be confirmed only by a Majority in Number representing Three-fourths in value, of all the Creditors who have proved, and is subject to the approval of the Court.

Dated the 9th day of February, 1926.
E. L. AGASSIZ,
Official Receiver.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

COMPANIES (WINDING UP).

No. 5 of 1925.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHINESE PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE, 1911,

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911,

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE KAM WING BANK.

BY Order of the Court dated the FOURTH day of FEBRUARY, 1926, Mr. JOHN HENNESSY SEITH of the Firm of Messrs. Pacey, Sargent & Partners, of No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, Incorporated Accountants, has been appointed Liquidator of the abovesaid Bank with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated the 10th day of February, 1926.
E. L. AGASSIZ,
Official Receiver.

G. B.

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE AND MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £250,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 o'clock A.M., on the 12th FEBRUARY, 1926.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount (in Pounds Sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Act 22 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 52, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

"The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company."

J. B. R. BACCHUS, L.A.C.,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.O.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, 11th February, 1926. [3182]

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THE PUBLIC are Requested to Ignore any Applications for CHINESE NEW YEAR GRATUITIES from our Messengers, or any Posting as such.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1926. [3183]

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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1926. [3185]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL BALL.

MEMBERS are Reminded of the following Dates:

1st Ball Practice—FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 8.30 to 7 P.M.

2nd Ball Practice—TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 8.30 to 7 P.M.

BALL—FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 9.30 P.M.

Those who have already handed over the 1st Practice Dance Tickets will be Admitted by presenting the 2nd Practice Dance Tickets. Suitable Arrangements will be made for Admission to the Practice Dance to be held on 23rd FEBRUARY.

Members are also Reminded that they will be liable for Subscriptions as previously instructed unless the Hon. Secretary is Notified in writing of any Changes on or before TUESDAY, the 23rd inst.

A. K. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.
c/o Messrs. HODGKIN, MANN & Co., Ltd.
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Hongkong, February 11th, 1926. [3183]

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OR FROM Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, The Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 11th February, 1926. [3179]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. WILLIAM TAM is No Longer in the Service of Our Firm and that the Power given him in Signing Per Procuration is CANCELLED From This Date.

CHINA TRADING AGENCY.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1926. [3176]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD., beg to Notify their Customers that owing to Alterations in the Generating Station the Supply of Electricity will Not be Available between the Hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., on SATURDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
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INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1918, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACCTIONS of PUBLIC BUSINESS on SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 13th and 15th INSTANT. Hongkong, 9th February, 1926. [3186]

INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALL FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the TRANSACCTIONS of BUSINESS on SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 13th and 15th INSTANT, 1926.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries,
THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.
THE MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1926. [3174]

G. B.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received at the Office of the O.C., R.A.S.C., Headquarters Office, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 12 o'clock Noon on the Date stated, for the unconditionally Service for a Period of 12 Months from 1st APRIL, 1926.

BARRACK SERVICES.
22nd FEBRUARY, 1926.

Tender forms and any Necessary Information may be obtained at the above Office between the Hours of 10 A.M. and 1 P.M., DAILY, Except SUNDAYS. [3176]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of Hongkong Tramways, Limited, will be CLOSED From FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th to THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1926. [3140]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1926, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1926, both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1926. [3121]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th FEBRUARY, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th FEBRUARY to the 22nd FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1926. [3143]

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1926, to TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1926, Both Days Inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 4th, 1926. [3145]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at Our Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of this Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1926. [3180]

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DEATH.

DAVID.—At Shanghai, on February 6th, SALEM SHALOME DAVID, aged 75 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 12TH, 1926.

CHINA NEW YEAR REFLECTIONS.

Affairs in this part of the world figured rather prominently at question time in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Reuter tells us that there was "a batch of questions" relating to the boycott of British trade in South China to which Sir AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied.

There is nothing in the reply with which British residents in Hongkong and South China are not already acquainted unless it be the admiration expressed by Sir AUSTEN of the courage and resource with which Hongkong and the British communities of Canton and Swatow have faced so serious a situation. We agree that the failure of the negotiations which were attempted makes it clear to the rest of China, and indeed to the whole world, that "the Canton Government is temporarily under such blindly anti-British influences that they are not open to a reasonable settlement," but we cannot gather from the Minister's statement whether he is any wiser than we are as to how long this "temporary" influence is to endure, or by what means it is to be dispelled. Our only hope would seem to lie in the undoubted fact that by persistence in this boycott the Canton Government is imposing on its own people far greater hardship than it is inflicting on the British. This is being felt very acutely at this time of the year when the Chinese people are engaged in the

effort to settle their accounts before the lunar year ends. Bad as conditions may be among the Chinese of this Colony, all accounts go to show that they are infinitely worse at Canton. We are told that there never were such opportunities at Canton as are afforded now for picking up "bargains" in curios, as owing to the bad trade, combined with depletion of financial resources by forced levies and merciless taxation, men have been forced to sacrifice their art treasures to an extent which has never been known before. It is obvious that a long continuance of this strangulation of trade and the consequent increasing cost of living is steadily leading to financial exhaustion, notwithstanding all the pretence which is made in official circles about increased revenue. For all we know, the Government revenue may be "improving," but it is being improved at the cost of the impoverishment of the people. The position is manifestly thoroughly unsound and cannot possibly endure for ever; but the spirit of the people has been thoroughly cowed by intimidation, and so long as the gang of intimidators and their Russian counselors are able to dominate the nominal Government of Canton, little improvement can be hoped for. Their attempts to incite another strike in Hongkong have failed because the Chinese in this Colony—especially those who have already tested the allurements of Canton—know that they are infinitely better off here than in Canton or their native villages. It is doubtless a sore disappointment to thousands of them that they are unable at this time of the year to make the customary visit to their old homes on the mainland because of the brigandage to which they would be exposing themselves in so doing. We sincerely share with them the hope that with the New Year which dawns for China to-morrow there may come to the people who are now under Bolshevik influence at Canton the perception that the course they are pursuing leads but to misery and perdition, and that consideration for the welfare and happiness of the people at large requires that the insane campaign in South China against this Colony and British interests generally—for which no good reason can exist in the mind of any reasonable person—should be brought to an early end.

The steam launch *Lee Fat* sank near Macao wharf on Wednesday. The launch was an old one. All the passengers escaped.

A Chinese boy was sent to the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday suffering from a dog bite. The dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

A terrier suspected to be suffering from rabies, owned by Mr. C. M. Castro, of St. Joseph's Buildings, Robinson Road, was sent to Kennedy Town for observation on Wednesday.

The Hongkong A.D.C. is presenting Lord Dunsany's play "If" at the Theatre Royal on five nights of the first week in March. An announcement appears in our advertisement columns.

The Manila Interport Golf team, whose names were given in yesterday's *Daily Press*, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. *President Pierce*. The Shanghai Interport Golf team are due to arrive to-day on the s.s. *President McKinley*.

During the last few days two chandeliers in the Supreme Court have been taken down, and it was found that a family of white ants had slightly affected the wires. For some time past the lights had flickered and become dim on occasion. The distraction has now been remedied.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza offered for sale by order of the mortgagee, a four-storied Chinese dwelling house at Yu Chan Street, Shamshuipo. The upset price was \$5,000, and the property was knocked down to Mr. Lo Kin, 28, Leo Yuen Street West, for \$5,600.

More than 20,000 persons packed the Manila Carnival auditorium last Saturday night to view the different provincial candidates who were entered in the first National Beauty Contest. The candidates made their appearance in illuminated carriages bearing the names of the provinces they represented.

The President, Vice-President, and Committee of "Cymdeithas Dewi Sant" were "at home" to Welsh friends in the Cathedral Hall, last night. Tea was provided, and a musical programme given. Mr. J. Owen Hughes (Vice-President) announced that a dance would be held on St. David's Day in the Hongkong Hotel.

Fire broke out yesterday morning at Tung Buildings, Cheung Sha Wan, used as dwelling houses and shops. Kowloon Fire Brigade proceeded to the scene and found the building burning fiercely. The roof fell in, but the Brigade extinguished the flames after an hour's work. The cause of the fire is unknown, and the extent of the damage has not yet been estimated.

In connection with the prize distribution at the Anglo-French School, Causeway Bay, on Wednesday, the Rev. Father Robert and Mr. W. W. Hornell were amongst those attending the function. The former presented a special prize for Biblical knowledge to Miss Gortrud-Julian. To the same student, Mr. J. M. Alves, President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, also presented a special prize.

Dick Norton and his merry band of "New Globe Trotters," who scored a distinct success at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, during last week, where their bright, varied and lively programmes were thoroughly enjoyed by large audiences, are giving two farewell performances to-day at the Theatre Royal. This afternoon there will be a matinee performance at three o'clock and this evening at 9.15 the curtain will go up on the final show, before the Company leave the Colony to continue their tour.

LAUNCH SUNK.
MISFORTUNE ATTENDS THE "LEE FAT."

The ferry "steam launch *Lee Fat*, which has recently been employed on the ferry service between Hongkong and Deep Bay (Hau Ho), sank at 1.30 yesterday morning close to the Praya, a little beyond the Wing Lok (Macao Steamer) wharf. Fortunately, however, no lives were lost, the crew being awakened in time to make their escape to safety.

The *Lee Fat* was secured by a rope from her bow to the Praya wall, following her return to Hongkong on Wednesday morning and she was in readiness to leave Hongkong again yesterday, at 5 a.m.

During the early hours of yesterday morning the crew awoke with the water rushing in over the stern and it is surmised that the wind must have carried the launch towards the sea wall with the result that the bow was lifted up through touching ground.

It was while the bunker coal was being shifted to starboard, in an attempt to overcome the list to port, that the *Lee Fat* sank, but, as stated, the crew were rescued.

Yesterday morning the launch was still secured by a rope, but was mostly under water, and efforts were to be made to get her up again.

Some months ago the launch was on the Cheung Chau (Dumbell Island) run and it was during that time that she was subjected to piracy.

MYSTERIOUS THEFT.
JEWELLERY WORTH \$4,591 MISSED.

Mr. Shu Yat Him, a Chinese merchant, who lives on the top floor of No. 33, Queen's Road West, has reported to the police the loss of jewellery, to the value of \$4,591.

The jewellery belonged to his daughter who lives with him, and the articles were contained in a small box which was usually kept in a locked trunk. On Wednesday she had occasion to look for the box, and found that the trunk had been left unlocked. The box of jewellery had been extracted, whereas other articles in the trunk were left untouched.

It is not known how the thief entered the premises, and there was no indication that a forcible entry had been made. Any person could slip into the alleyway leading to the staircase by which the premises are reached, without being noticed, and since there are several offices in the building, little suspicion would be attached to a Chinese man ascending the staircase or making his way across the floor.

The police are carrying out investigations.

MOTOR DRIVER MURDERED.
BODY FOUND NEAR SHEK O ROAD.

Early yesterday morning the body of a motor driver, who had apparently been murdered, and who had been missing since Tuesday, was found just off the Shek O Road, about 14 miles from the junction of the road to Stanley, where the road branches off from Shaukiwan to around the island.

The same afternoon as the driver was missed, his car was found abandoned in Jubilee Road, which is in the West Point district, and incidentally the opposite side of the island, the place where the man's body was found being on the Eastern side.

It is thought by the police that the car was hired by some persons who ordered the driver—the son of the owner of the car—to drive them to Shek O and that when they got to a suitable spot they committed the crime, for what motive, unless it is revenge, is not known.

The man died as the result of stab wounds.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.
A motor-car driven by the Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, collided with a tram-car near the Naval Yard on Wednesday. The motor-car was slightly damaged.

A Government ambulance car collided with a tram-car in Des Voeux Road on Wednesday, and was slightly damaged.

A Chinese cyclist collided with a motor-car driven by Miss Mau Fung, at the junction of Seymour Road and Causeway Road on Wednesday. The bicycle was damaged but the cyclist escaped injury.

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TRIBUTE TO COURAGE AND RESOURCE OF BRITISH COMMUNITIES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 10th. Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, made a statement on the situation in China in the House of Commons today. He said that His Majesty's Government was giving careful and constant attention to the serious problem arising out of the anti-British strike and boycott in Southern China.

At the beginning of the year it seemed likely that the negotiations between Hongkong and Canton would be successful. They had, unfortunately, broken down in a manner which must make it clear to the rest of China and, indeed, to the whole world that the Government of Canton was for the time being under influences so blindingly anti-British that they were not open to reasonable settlement.

The position in the rest of China was different. The policy of the British Government, having been dictated by a sincere desire to promote friendly relations with the Chinese people, and being inspired by their legitimate aspirations, this attitude of patience and conciliation was bearing fruit in the slow but steady restoration of friendship and goodwill between the British and Chinese peoples. The trade conditions in the Yangtze Valley were now improving, and would be equally improving in North China if it were not for civil war, whilst order was being re-established in the Yangtze Valley.

There were many signs that these lawless actions were directly attributable to Communist activities, which had disgusted all sections of the Chinese people who were very far from approving the actions of the extremist section in Canton. This feeling would doubtless spread, unless the intervention of the foreign Powers strengthened the extremists and thus united China against the aggressors. "Meanwhile," Sir Austen Chamberlain continued, "I must be allowed to express my admiration for the resource and courage with which the British Colony of Hongkong and the British communities of Canton and Swatow have faced so serious a situation. The whole question has recently been examined anew and most carefully by the Foreign Office in conjunction with our representatives in China, and I shall continue to give it my closest attention."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A BATCH OF QUERIES.

LONDON, February 10th. In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying to supplementary questions, said that he did not think, in view of the anti-British influences working in Canton, any good purpose would be served by sending a Special Commissioner to confer with the Canton Government and *de facto* Governments in South China with the object of impressing upon them the necessity of terminating the situation.

The despatch of such a Commissioner would only serve to undermine the authority of the British representative, which was in most competent hands. It was also unlikely to remedy the weakness of the Central Government in Peking.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

FAMILY OF HEROES.

REMARKABLE RECORD IN GRIMSBY.

RUGBY, February 11th.

A remarkable family record of bravery is recalled by the presentation, reported yesterday, of the Royal Humane Society's Stanhope Medal for the "bravest deed of the year" to the Grimsby fisherman, Duncan Souter, who drove a steam trawler 90 miles off the Iceland coast in heavy seas and rescued his mate in circumstances of the utmost peril. His father and his brother both held medals for distinguished sea bravery during the war, and his cousin was also awarded the Stanhope Medal a few years ago. They are all North Sea fishermen.

EARL OF CAVAN.

RETIRE FROM IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF.

RUGBY, February 11th.

General the Earl of Cavan was received in audience by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace this morning upon relinquishing his appointment as Chief of the Imperial General Staff. Lord Cavan's retirement takes effect in a week's time, when he will be succeeded by General Sir George Milne.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

OCCUPIED GERMANY.

ALLIED TROOPS TO APPROACH NORMAL STRENGTH.

RUGBY, February 10th.

Questions were put in the House of Commons to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs as to whether the Allied troops in the occupied areas of Germany were to be reduced.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the numbers of the armies of occupation were actually 74,500 men, or very close to that figure. It was not the case, as had been stated in some newspapers, that the Governments of the occupying Powers had decided to fix at or at about that figure the total of effectives of the second and third zones. In fact, at the Conference of Ambassadors it was stated that the effectives would be considerably reduced and the reduction would be to a figure approaching normal.

The occupying Powers were giving attention to the various problems involved, with a view to appreciable reductions of the existing number of troops as soon as the Treaties of Locarno had been ratified and the measures of amelioration introduced into the regime of occupation had a natural pacifying effect on the situation within the occupied territory.

SUBMARINE LINER.

SALVAGE OF IMMENSE QUANTITY OF GOLD.

RUGBY, February 10th.

In the House of Commons, an interesting statement was made by Mr. W. C. C. Davidson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Admiralty, to the effect that nearly £5,000,000 of gold had been recovered by Admiralty divers from the wreck of the White Star liner *Laurentic*, which was torpedoed by a German submarine off the West coast of Ireland in 1917.

The exact value of the gold was £4,958,000, and the cost of salvage was £138,000. This included a bonus of £8,739 paid to the officers and men who had carried out this task, without loss of life or material.

SOVIET'S FOREIGN POLICY.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE TO BEGIN.

RUGBY, February 10th.

In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked about the negotiations between the French and Soviet Governments. He said that the French Government had informed him that they were about to begin negotiations with the Soviet Government for a settlement of outstanding questions. He would watch the course of these negotiations with interest, in the hope that they might be of such a nature as to facilitate the renewal of conversations between the British and Soviet Governments.

WIRELESS OPERATORS' STRIKE.

PARTIES MEET AT MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

RUGBY, February 10th.

It was announced in the House of Commons that the Minister of Labour (Sir A. H. Steel-Maitland) had arranged a meeting of the two parties in the marine wireless operators' dispute to take place at the Ministry of Labour. He said that he awaited the results of that meeting before taking further action.

MONEY FOR BULGARIA?

GREAT BRITAIN NOT YET BEEN APPROACHED.

RUGBY, February 10th.

In the House of Commons, the Foreign Secretary (Sir Austen Chamberlain) was asked whether any approaches had been made to this country by the new Bulgarian Government with regard to a loan. He replied that no such approaches had been made.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMANY'S BUDGET.

FINANCE MINISTER OUTLINES PROGRAMME.

BERLIN, February 10th.

The Reichstag has begun the first reading of the 1926 Budget, which balances at 740,000,000 marks. The Finance Minister, Herr Reinhold, outlined the Government's programme. He said that there were 21,000 bankruptcies last month and approximately two million unemployed. The chief causes of the crisis were lack of capital and excessive taxation. Various economies would be effected and extraordinary expenditure hereafter would be covered by loans.

A Bill would be introduced to reduce the present one per cent. Turnover Tax to 0.6 per cent. and the Companies Fusion Tax from two to one per cent.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SPAIN'S PREMIER.

SEVERAL ATTEMPTS ON HIS LIFE.

PARIS, February 11th.

That several attempts have been made on the life of the Prime Minister, General Primo De Rivera, during his visit to Barcelona is confirmed by *Le Journal* in a report from Barcelona. There were seven bomb explosions in different parts of the town—one outside a building whilst De Rivera was within; and another on the railway a few miles from the station as De Rivera was about to entrain for Madrid.

The outrages are attributed to the Syndicalists and Catalan Extremists on the eve of the trial of those implicated in the attempt to assassinate De Rivera in the Garra Tunnel last year.

SILK DUMPING.

HOME GOVERNMENT ON THE ALERT.

LONDON, February 10th.

The rush of imports of silk goods last year after the impending imposition of the new tax was announced in the Budget, was the apparent reason for a question by Sir Frederic Wise (Conservative, Ilford) in the House of Commons as to whether such action would in future be circumvented.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin (Prime Minister), in replying, said: "When the time comes it will be found that we have not overlooked the important matter of dumping."

SUBSTITUTE FOR QUININE.

EXPERIMENTS BY LEAGUE COMMISSION.

LONDON, February 10th.

The *Morning Post's* correspondent at Geneva says that the League of Nations Commission on Malaria has reported that nine-tenths of the world's annual production of cinchona bark, totalling 10,600 tons, is produced in the Dutch Indies. The demand for quinine considerably exceeds the annual supply of 600,000 kilograms.

In view of the failure of the efforts to secure a reduction of prices and increased production, the Commission has started experiments to decide whether cinchona and other alkaloids could not be used instead of pure quinine, with the object of securing a substitute and thereby breaking the quinine monopoly through economic forces.

SIR SEFTON BRANCKER.

SPEAKS OF PROPOSED NEW AIR SERVICES.

AMSTERDAM, February 10th.

Sir Sefton Brancker has passed through The Hague on his return from Sweden. In an interview he explained the details of the proposed Cairo-Karachi air route, adding that the service from Karachi to Rangoon would be undertaken by the Government of India.

Sir S. Brancker also discussed with Mr. Pleman, manager of the Dutch Aerial Navigation Co., the possibility of running a service from Singapore to Australia via the Dutch East Indies, which, however, would be conditional on the result of negotiations with the Dutch and Dutch-East Indies Governments.

Later Sir S. Brancker sailed from Rotterdam for America, where he hopes incidentally to meet Fokker, the famous aviator.

POSTAL ADMINISTRATION.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL FALLS OUT WITH MINISTER.

AMSTERDAM, February 10th.

The Postmaster-General at The Hague has been granted a month's compulsory leave of absence, owing, apparently to dissensions as regards internal administration with the responsible Minister.

The administration of the Department meantime has been entrusted to a directorium consisting of three permanent Departmental heads.

BRITISH TRADE.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR JANUARY.

LONDON, February 10th.

The Board of Trade returns for January are as under:—
Imports 2118,000,000
Exports 60,000,000
Re-exports 13,000,000
The figures for January, 1925, were:—
Imports 2129,000,000
Exports 69,000,000
Re-exports 13,000,000

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

MORE COMPARISONS.

RUGBY, February 11th.

The preliminary figures of the overseas trade returns for January show that there was a shrinkage in both imports and exports as compared with the previous month. The decrease in imports amounted to over sixteen and a half millions and exports showed a drop of over five million pounds. These figures are published in the *Board of Trade Journal*.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ITS COST TO BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY.

LONDON, February 10th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Frederick Hall (Conservative, Cambridge, Dulwich), Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) said that the approximate totals of the contributions by Great Britain, France, and Italy, respectively, toward the expenses of the League of Nations since its inception, including the cost of the International Court of Justice, were:—

Britain	£422,000
France	396,000
Italy	223,000

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE.

POWERS ELUCIDATE IMPORTANT ARTICLE.

BRUXELLES, February 10th.

Germany's application for admittance to the League has been handed to the Secretary-General of the League signed by Dr. Stresemann, Chancellor. It briefly requests that the application be placed on the agenda meeting of the League as soon as possible.

It attaches a copy of a Note from the Governments participating in the Locarno Agreements answering Germany's request for an elucidation of Article XVI of the League's Covenant. The Note says that the article is interpreted to mean that each member of the League must loyally and effectively do his part to make the Covenant respected and oppose all aggressive action in a manner compatible with his military position and considering his geographical situation.

BALANCE OF POWER.

LONDON, February 10th.

According to the *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent, Germany's application for admission to the League, entailing for her the possession of a permanent seat on the League Council, has led to a momentous diplomatic struggle.

France is leading the movement in favour of an increase in the number of permanent seats on the Council from four to eight by the addition of Spain, Poland, and Brazil, besides Germany, and an increase in the full League Council, including elected as well as permanent members, from ten to fifteen, with the object of securing an anti-German majority on the Council. It is felt in London that there is a danger that Great Britain's position in the councils of the League might thus ultimately be weakened and the original character, structure, and purpose of the Council transformed. It is pointed out in connection with the proposal that the British Dominions are all members of the Assembly and should be entitled to a seat in rotation in any enlarged Council, but objections would immediately be raised to any such proposal.

"IGNOBLE AGITATION."

MUSSOLINI'S REJOINDER TO STRESEMANN.

ROME, February 10th.

The verbal duel between Signor Mussolini (Italian Premier) and Dr. Stresemann (German Chancellor) was continued to-day when, in a speech before a crowded and applauding Senate, the Premier replied to "Dr. Stresemann's long and rambling utterance."

Signor Mussolini said that his first speech was "not improvised but patiently meditated on during two months of ignoble anti-Italian agitation." He was of the opinion that few speeches had had a more powerful or swifter effect on the Italian soul and European opinion than his—a fact which showed how necessary it was in order to clear up a situation which was gradually getting worse and which might have resulted in events of exceptional gravity.

Signor Mussolini confirmed the sentiments uttered in his previous speech, including the passage in which he said that Fascist Italy could, if necessary, carry the tricolour beyond the frontier. He wished, but Italians would interpret it as signifying that Italy would never suffer the violation of treaties guaranteeing her frontiers.

Signor Mussolini denied that Dr. Stresemann had disowned the anti-Italian press campaign in Germany. He concluded by saying that Germany was trying to assume, both inside and outside the League of Nations, the spiritual guardianship of all the Germans in the world. He replied explicitly that Italy would never accept any discussion of the matter in any Assembly or Council, and consequently any vote in the Tyrolean Diet was quite useless.

At the close of the speech there were unprecedented scenes. The whole House, which is usually quiet and unimpassioned, rose three times, giving an ovation to the Premier.

[The reference to the Tyrolean Diet is based in a Paris message of Tuesday stating: It is reported from Innsbruck that President Stumpf, in the Tyrolean Diet, referring to a possible advance of the Italian front northward, admonished that Signor Mussolini said that he would ask the Austrian Federal Government to see whether the question should not be submitted to the League of Nations.]

GERMAN COMMENT.

BERLIN, February 10th.

The strained Italo-German relations have not been improved by Signor Mussolini's latest speech, though the tone of it is considered a vast improvement on his original outburst; but it is pointed out that he has not withdrawn a jot from the standpoint that the Southern Tyrol must be completely Italianised, entirely disregarding the wishes of the German minority.

The German Government is not expected to reply again to Signor Mussolini.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINA INDEMNITY MISSION.

THREE EMINENT CHINESE ASKED TO JOIN.

LONDON, February 10th.

In the House of Commons, replying to the Hon. C. P. Trevelyan (Labour, Newcastle-on-Tyne), Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) stated that after consultation with the British members of the Committee established under the China Indemnity Act, 1925, the British representatives in China, and the Chinese Foreign Minister, he (Sir A. Chamberlain) had approached three eminent Chinese to join the Committee. Their names would be published as soon as they definitely accepted.

SILVER LINE.

SUBSIDY UNDER TRADE FACILITIES ACT.

LONDON, February 10th.

In the House of Lords, Baron Parmour drew attention to the British subsidy under the Trade Facilities Act to the Silver Line. He said that its ships were undoubtedly employed in the trade between America and Singapore (Straits Settlements). There was a very large carrying trade in the four British lines between these points, besides Japanese ships and ships subsidised by the American Government, and at present there was more than the necessary shipping accommodation.

Earl Plymouth, in replying, said that the Silver Line was given a loan of £1,107,000 of which the British Government guaranteed the principal and interest. The loan was granted upon the condition that almost the whole proceeds must be utilised in building the necessary ships in the United Kingdom for service between New York and the Far East. The orders had formed a great boon to shipbuilding yards.

He pointed out that there was a divergence between shipping and the shipbuilding industry's interests, but the authorities who granted the guarantee had carefully considered the effect of such upon shipping. The Government did not consider that these new ships were likely to interfere with British vessels.

SEAL FISHING CONVENTION.

MODIFICATION OF QUADRUPEL PACT.

LONDON, February 10th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Major C. G. Macandrew (Conservative, Kilmarlock), Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) said that the Japanese Government had expressed a desire to call a conference to discuss the extension of the modification of the Quadruple Pact dealing with the Seal Fishing Areas Convention and not necessarily to terminate it next December. He did not know whether America was prepared to negotiate with the Soviet on the question.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

FRENCH FINANCE.

MEASURES TO PROVIDE NEEDED SUMS.

PARIS, February 10th.

M. Briand, the Premier, after conferring with the Left Senators, announced his intention to propose that the Chamber should adopt before the 15th inst. measures yielding immediate necessary resources; and, during the discussion of the latter by the Senate, vote the ratification of the Locarno Pact, electoral reform, and a scheme for financial relief. In regard to bearer securities, M. Doumer (Finance Minister) has drafted a compromise text, which will be laid before the Finance Committee.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SPAIN AND AMERICA.

ANTI-LIQUOR SMUGGLING TREATY SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, February 10th.

A Treaty with Spain to prevent liquor smuggling has been signed by Mr. Frank A. Kellogg, Secretary of State, and the Spanish Ambassador. It is similar to the Treaties with Great Britain, Italy, and other countries.

(Other Cables on Page 8.)

CABLES.

(THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.)

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH CUP AND ENGLISH LEAGUE.

LONDON, February 10th.

The draw for the third round proper of the Scottish Football Association Cup (to be played on February 20th) is:—

Dumbarton v. Clyde.
Third Lanark v. Brechin Wanderers.
Falkirk v. Rangers.
Morton v. Albion Rovers.
Aberdeen v. St. Johnstone.
Rathgave v. Airdrieonians.
Hearts v. Celtic.
St. Mirren v. Partick Thistle.

REPLAYED GAMES.

Replays to-day of drawn games in the second round, resulted:—
Dumbarton, 4; Forfar Athletic, 1.
Bathgate, 3; Boness, 1.
Peebles Rovers, 0; Albion Rovers, 4.
Dundee, 0; Aberdeen, 3.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

League matches played to-day resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Everton, 1; Manchester City, 1.

DIVISION II.

Chelsea, 1; Clapton Orient, 3.

Southampton, 2; Derby, 1.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Crystal Palace, 4; Newport, 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Kilmarnock, 2; Celtic, 1.

Hearts, 4; Hamilton, 0.

Morton, 2; Hibernians, 3.

Rathgave, 2; St. Johnstone, 2.

Rangers, 1; Airdrieonians, 2.

[The home Club is given first in the foregoing results.]

[REUTERS & AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BRITAIN AND MEXICO.

PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-ALIEN LAWS.

WASHINGTON, February 10th.

It is understood that Mr. Esmond Ovey, the British Minister to Mexico, has lodged a formal protest with the Mexican Foreign Office against the anti-alien laws.

The protest, it is reported, is substantially in line with that made by the United States.

[A Washington cable of January 21st stated: Mr. F. B. Kellogg (Secretary of State), in a formal statement, has said that the position of the United States with regard to the Mexican land and petroleum laws was that they contained provisions "plainly retroactive and confiscatory in their effect." He added that in the absence of a reply from the Mexican Government to the American representations on the subject delivered on January 9th, he was not disposed to comment further.]

BANKS OF SNOW.

HEAVY TRAFFIC DELAYS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 10th.

The city is snowbound, the snow being a foot deep in some places. A thin string of motor vehicles only is able to crawl at a snail's pace along the roads, whilst pedestrians are walking in single file along the pavements between banks of snow five feet high.

Many main roads outside the city are closed to traffic, and trains on the Eastern States Railway are hours late. Gangs of unemployed are trying to clear the snow, which continues to fall.

There is wild weather at sea, but only one wreck has so far been reported, a schooner being driven on the rocks on the Massachusetts coast. Several of the crew were drowned.

FRANCO'S FLIGHT.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM IN BUENOS AIRES.

BUENOS AIRES, February 9th.

The Spanish aviator, Captain Franco, has arrived here from Monte Video.

He was officially welcomed on his arrival by President Desvare. He had to be protected by the Police from the enthusiasm of the throngs. The whole city was illuminated and decorated with flags.

MADRID'S CELEBRATION.

MADRID, February 11th.

An amnesty for persons convicted of a wide range of minor offences has been proclaimed to celebrate Captain Franco's arrival in Buenos Aires.

HYDRO-ELECTRICITY.

ENTERPRISES IN ITALY TO BE FINANCED.

NEW YORK, February 10th.

It is understood that arrangements are virtually concluded with a group of American bankers for the issue of a loan of twenty million dollars to the Italian Credit Institute for the development of hydro-electrical enterprises in Italy. The bonds will probably bear interest at the rate of seven per cent.

LEVERHULME COLLECTION.

BRISK BIDDINGS AT NEW YORK AUCTION.

NEW YORK, February 10th.

Bidding was again brisk on the second day of the Leverhulme sale. Mr. Frank Partridge, of London, paid \$125,000 for the famous William and Mary walnut suite of seven pieces of a date about 1695.

ASKING QUESTIONS.

THE "QUESTIONNAIRE."

[BY G. A. BIRMINGHAM, THE FAMOUS HUMORIST.]

There is nothing easier, few things pleasanter, than denouncing other people's vices: and there is always a feeling in our minds that we somehow manage to do so.

"Compound for sins we are inclined to: By damning those we have no mind to."

I try, even in the pulpit where such reticence is particularly difficult, to avoid the fault condemned by the poet I have quoted. I think I may claim to be fairly successful, but because I am singularly virtuous, but because I am not. There is hardly a sin which I need refrain from denouncing, for there are very few—at the moment I can only think of one—that I have no mind to.

Yet there is one. I have never in my life been tempted to issue a questionnaire. The fact that I am forced to use this word—there being no English equivalent—proves that the thing itself is of foreign origin and that the vice is not native with us. That the word has a secondary meaning among the French, "torturer," shows what they think of it.

I do not, I can say honestly, understand the lure of this kind of wickedness. I do not want to torment other people in this particular way. But many men do; and the vice is becoming more prevalent. Every year, so it seems to me, more men fall victims to it, and once a man begins he cannot stop.

INCOME TAX PREFERENCE.

Often the sin is disguised, covered up with an excuse of some sort so that it may not appear to be the hideous thing it is. The income-tax collector, for instance, who issues annually one of the most puzzling of all lists of questions, pretends that he is simply engaged, in collecting money. He does collect money, of course, and no doubt when he first began his work the collection of money was his sole object. He may even have wanted to collect it with the smallest amount of trouble and worry possible. But of late years he has fallen a victim to the question-asking habit and has taken to seeking for information in a devious supplementary questions is a proof, if proof were needed, that these men are the victims of a morbid craving, man for man's possession of two small fields and therefore became, in the eyes of the Inland Revenue authorities, a farmer. As a farmer I made a careful return of my profits, which as a matter of fact were losses. I set down every quart of milk given by the cows which lived in the fields, every egg laid by the few hens which wandered about, and everything else, down to the smallest details, about those fields. I congratulated myself that my return was absolutely complete and question proof.

I was over-confident. After a couple of days of meditation the collector asked me to state how many tons of coal I had dug up. He knew, and he knew that I knew, that no coal ever had been or ever could be dug up within a hundred miles of my two fields. He had no hope, cannot have had any hope, of making me pay a single penny on the profits of a private coal mine. He asked the question simply because he was the victim of a morbid craving.

STUTTERINGS OF THE CLERGY.

I do not know that the clergy suffer more than other people from being treated as the raw material of statistics. Doctors, I fancy, are in a worse case. Schoolmasters and all who are connected with the management of schools, suffer severely. I have heard complaints from business men. Hardly anyone escapes. I only use the sufferings of the clergy because I know more about them than I do of any others.

I was for 21 years subject to a bishop who asked me my name, on a printed form, every May. There was some excuse for him the first time, though even then he could have found out what he wanted to know, if he really did want to know it, in any clerical directory. But as years went on he and I came to know each other well. I often enjoyed his hospitality, dining agreeably in his house. He often dined in mine. We corresponded, and I signed every letter I ever wrote to him. He was a genial and friendly man, in many things quite sensible. Yet for nearly a quarter of a century he went on asking me to write my name down for him once every year. He did not want to know it. He made no pretence that he was going to embody it in a volume of statistics. He was simply an unfortunate victim of the habit of asking questions.

I used to wonder sometimes what would happen if I wrote down that my name was Sanders, Sanderson or John Smith. Would he be surprised? Would he, with mild remonstrance, call my attention to an inaccuracy in my return? I fancy not. In all probability he never read a word I wrote for him, my name or anything else.

One does not, of course, play tricks of that kind on bishops. But I did try a similar experiment once on an Education Officer.

I wanted to know the measurements of a schoolroom. The proper way of finding that out was to ask one of its own inspectors who constantly visited the school and always wrote down its dimensions in a notebook. That, I suppose, did not occur to the clerk who issued the form of inquiry. He sent his question to me. I answered it. The next year he asked it again, and again I answered it. The third year the same question came to me. I was annoyed, and said that the room was the same size as before.

This was a perfectly reasonable answer. Schoolrooms are not trees. They do not grow, and nobody could have added a foot or cut a yard off that room

without an inspector discovering the fact immediately. That answer was no use. The clerk, who kept his temper all the time, took no notice of it, and went on sending me copies of the question until at last I gave him figures.

But I did not give him the figures I had given him before. I doubled the dimensions of the schoolroom. He appeared to be perfectly satisfied. The next year I doubled them again. He expressed neither surprise nor misgiving. In the course of five or six years that schoolroom became a great deal larger than St. Paul's. It was really, according to the figures I gave, an immense building, perhaps the largest in the world. Even a fourteen-year-old office-boy would, I thought, be struck by the existence of such a structure in a small village.

But the education authority remained placidly indifferent. Then I suddenly reduced the size of the room, giving measurements which would have been small for a sentry-box. It would have been impossible to get three children, without a teacher, into that schoolroom. The education authority made no comment at all.

Why was that question asked? Why was answer insisted upon? Clearly no use was ever made of the figures I returned. There is no explanation of the asking of such questions except the one I have suggested. The man who asks them, are "mentally deficient." They have reached this unhappy state by long indulgence in a seductive vice.

WRESTLING WITH RETURNS.

It is, I suppose, hopeless to appeal to the law for protection from the persecutions which quiet and peaceable people endure at the hands of question askers. But something if life is not to become intolerable, must be done. Year by year the number of these papers of questions increases. Year by year more of our time is wasted in writing answers. Year by year the nervous irritation consequent on wrestling with returns gets worse.

Yet it is difficult to see what can be done. I have, as I have already confessed, tried the plan of giving totally incorrect and even grotesque answers. That is no use, for the questioners would just as soon have a wrong answer as a right one. I have tried the plan of saying, "See last year's return," when asked, for instance, for the inscription on a church bell which has remained unaltered for several centuries. That is no use. The questioner could get at the inscription in that way. But it is not the inscription he wants.

I have tried putting the foolscap sheets of questions straight into the waste-paper basket and giving no answers at all. That is no use. The questioner pelts me with fresh sheets of foolscap, which is exhausting for the postman; takes to threatening me, which I do not in the least mind; changes his tone and says he is sorry for troubling me, which I do not believe; finally defeats me by getting a bishop or an archbishop to appeal to my better nature. Then I give in, wishing very much that I had not got a better nature.

THE ONLY REMEDY.

The only remedy I can think of is to kill a few of the people who issue these forms. But the difficulty is that we cannot get at the right men to kill. To shoot the local income-tax collector, for instance, would be unjust, and no good cause is ever helped by injustice. The poor fellow, whom we are greatly tempted to slay, is not responsible for the forms he issues. They come from someone who certainly ought to be killed but cannot be found. It would, for the same reason, be wrong to plunge a dagger into the heart of a rural dean. I have often stood with a long carving-knife in my hand close behind the chair on which an unsuspecting rural dean was sitting, a man who, regardless of the laws of hospitality, had handed me a list of questions, handed it to me in my own house just before luncheon. A sense of public duty, rendered acute by a consciousness of private wrong, has prompted me to make an end of him then and there.

I have never done the deed yet, and do not think I ever shall. A feeling of pity for the rural dean, often an amiable and charming man with a wife and children depending on him, makes me hesitate. While I hesitate my resolution is "sickled over" with the thought that, after all, it is not the rural dean's fault. He may even hate the questions as much as I do.—*Evening Standard.*

MONEY FOR WIVES.

MARRIED WOMEN TEACHERS WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT.

Indignation at the dismissal of women teachers because they were married was expressed at the conference of the National Union of Women Teachers at Bristol.

A resolution was passed calling upon the Government to secure the right of married women to follow their chosen professions.

Miss Dawson, of London, said it was quite the thing among some local authorities to speak of married women as people who had married in order to be kept. They should not tolerate that sort of thing.

"Who shall say a man can maintain a wife and family?" she asked. "A woman may be married to a man who becomes ill or unemployed or who turns out a rogue. Unless a wife can help her mate when he is in financial difficulties she has to be dragged down to the lowest level. I am longing for the day when we can say that woman is economically independent for the sake of family happiness."

Mrs. Tidwell (London) said there was no law to compel a man to give any portion of his earnings to his wife, and until there was no public authority should have the right to say that a man, because he earned a certain amount of money, could keep a wife.

THE BRITISH BOY OF TO-DAY.

"BEST TYPE OF RAW MATERIAL IN THE WORLD."

In the bracing atmosphere of school headmasters are not wont to pay compliments to the natural boy. He must read the address of the President of the Association of Headmasters to discover what they really think of him. His surprise will certainly be not less than his delight at the judgment passed upon him by this head of "heads," Mr. Ewart M'Clure—that he is going to be a better man than his father, and that he is "the best type of raw material in the world." We do not doubt that in the bottom of his heart he has always believed this, as it is right and expedient that he should, but he no more expected to hear his headmaster say so than to talk about it himself. We fear that he will suspect guile in Mr. M'Clure, a desire, for example, to require from boys of such high quality more strenuous labour and more austere virtue. But the President, as he says himself, sworn to optimism. We like to believe that he is right when he pronounces that "one of the main characteristics of the English boy is his lack of selfish ambition." That getting on is the whole duty of man, that success is greatness—these doctrines have never been taught in English schools, nor does their public opinion in general encourage him whose aim in life is to outshine his fellows. The wise critic would rather blame us for our lack of favour to original enterprise in youth. But "the desire to excel in a team," which Mr. M'Clure very properly commends, has dangers of which no doubt he is very well aware. Most schools and most schoolmasters have suffered at times from the young athlete whose temper and breeding make him "desire to excel" at all costs. In the fields of physical prowess so many boys are by nature hero-worshippers that to the exploits of the cricket or football "blood" a wholesome criticism is not always applied. This evil will always be with us till Nature is permanently expelled with a pitchfork. But it is certainly diminished. The temper of school-life is more rational and more serious than in the last generation, and we may so far agree with Mr. M'Clure as to allow that our sons have a good chance to make better men than their fathers. To us remains the consolation of being entitled to expect from them marvellous performances. That they are the best raw material in the world, as Mr. M'Clure says, is obvious, for are they not our sons?—*Daily Telegraph.*

A WOMAN SOLOMON.

WORKING WEAVER HEADS BENCH OF JUSTICES.

How completely the narrow distinctions of class are disappearing in the great industrial centres of the north is well illustrated by an event in Dewsbury, the centre of the world's rag trade.

Over a sitting of the County Bench there presided an elderly working weaver—Miss M. A. Dewa. Along with her fellow-justices, ten in number, she heard a variety of important cases consulted with the magistrates' clerks, and announced decisions.

Miss Dewa has worked all her life for her living. She is an employee of one of the world's leading cloth manufacturers, and when she was appointed to the Bench a few months ago it was announced that her employers had arranged that she be released when necessary to discharge her judicial duties.

Miss Dewa lives in a three-roomed cottage at Earlsbeaton, a hillside suburb overlooking the town, and is well known and greatly respected in the district. She has long been interested in working-class politics.

The magistrates who accompanied her on the Bench and sat under her presidency included the Mayor of the town, the wife of the Rector of Thornhill (a member of a well-known Midlands county family), a leading local tradesman, two members of one of the leading blanket manufacturing firms in the world, Lieutenant-Colonel Emil W. Pickering, D.S.O., ex-M.P. for Dewsbury, a well-known West Riding sportsman and rider to hounds, and Mr. Tom Myers, ex-M.P., for the Spey Valley.

NEW MEDICAL THEORY.

REMARKABLE CURES REPORTED.

A new theory which may have a profound effect upon the methods of treating a large number of deadly diseases is announced by M. Besredka, successor of Metchnikoff at the Pasteur Institute, says the Paris correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph. The essence of the idea is that since the microbes which cause disease usually attack only certain portions of the body they should be dealt with locally. The bacilli of cholera, dysentery, and typhoid fever, for instance, attack the lining of the intestines, while those of such ailments as septic pleurisy, lymphangitis, whitlow, pyorrhea, and anthrax make their attacks through the skin. Since a given organism will only attack a certain locality, says M. Besredka, then the vaccination of that part alone is necessary. For the vaccination of the intestine he has prepared a vaccine which is administered by swallowing after a small dose of ox-bile has been given in order to make the intestinal lining more susceptible. Against bacilli which attack by the way of the skin he uses plasters, which instead of the ordinary antiseptics contain a vaccine. Experiment has shown that under this treatment such serious diseases as anthrax and puerperal fever have been mastered within forty-eight hours. The principal advantage claimed for this system of local vaccination is that it does away with the need for spreading a vaccine throughout the whole body, which often results in partial poisoning and sometimes serious shock.

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[BY A WOMAN OF SIXTY.]

There is something most comforting about being sixty.

"Don't you hate not being young?" I was asked the other day.

And quite frankly I replied that I did not. For there are all sorts of glorious compensations. For instance, I can eat what I like without bothering about my weight or my complexion. I don't have to suffer agonies wondering whether my face wants powdering. I can have a red nose if I like. I can read books without being confronted and I don't have to worry if I am not the best-dressed woman in the room. I need not wear transparent stockings when it's freezing.

Then I can talk to a man without wondering if I'm attracting him. I needn't worry about attracting him at all. I can be interested in him without people saying, "Ah!" I cannot be madly jealous because a prettier woman has taken the man I am keen on at the moment. I have all the pleasure of children in my grandchildren without all the trouble of bearing or rearing them.

Yes, it's simply splendid being sixty. I have no responsibilities. I can do exactly what I like and say what I choose. Scandal can't touch me and I can't be compromised. I get the best chair, the warmest corner.

I haven't all the agony of wondering whether some vampire is trying to entangle my husband. He's seventy-eight now, and beyond temptation. I'm out of the running, I know, but then I don't run the risk of defeat. I'm on the shelf, but then I'm out of the danger. I'm in a backwater, but then there's no fear of collision.

"But," said my friend, "what about love?"

"Love, my child! Love!" I asked her. "What do you mean. Haven't I the love of my husband and my children? My friends and my dogs? Don't I love birds and flowers, and good wine and fine books? If you mean all the dithering, the undignified capering after some wretched man—if you mean my heart being in my mouth when I hear the telephone, and in my boots when I don't, then, my dear, I'm thankful to say that's one thing that I have lost. And I'm very glad of it. I wouldn't be twenty again for anything. It's too wearing."

"And," I added triumphantly, "I never have to strap-hang now."—*Daily Mail.*

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th instant, or they will not be recognised.

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IMPERIAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION. THE CANADIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN STATIONS.

This year bids fair to be one of the most important in the history of commercial wireless telegraphy as it affects Great Britain and the Empire. Before many months have passed the first of the new Marconi-type beam stations will be brought into operation and in the course of the year direct high-speed wireless services on the Marconi short wave beam system will be established with all the principal Dominions.

The first of these beam stations—for communication with Canada and South Africa—is in an advanced state of construction. All the masts have been erected, the buildings completed, and the machinery and some of the wireless apparatus installed. The main part of the wireless apparatus—the transmitters and receivers—is now being tested at the Marconi Company's Works at Chelmsford, and it will be installed as soon as these tests are completed. Meanwhile work is progressing on the erection of the aerial and feeder systems, and in fencing and roadmaking.

The stations now nearing completion are at Bodmin, in Cornwall, and at Bridgwater, in Somerset. The Bodmin station will be the transmitting station used for communication with Canada and South Africa and the Bridgwater station will be the receiving station for these services. At each station there are ten masts, five for communication with each Dominion. The design of the masts is identical for the transmitting and receiving stations. In the one case the aerial and reflector are utilised to concentrate the wireless energy and transmit signals in a particular direction and in the other case the same arrangement is used to collect the received energy and concentrate it, thereby still further increasing the signal strength.

The five masts for each Dominion are erected in a straight line at right angles to the direction in which communication is to be established. These masts are 277 feet high, each having a cross arm at the top measuring 90 feet from end to end. The aerial and reflector will consist of a number of vertical wires suspended from triangles attached to the cross arms of the masts. There will thus be two parallel steel cables, separated by a distance dependent on the wave length used, running on each side of the masts from the first to the last. From these cables the vertical aerial and reflector wires will be suspended, the lower ends of the wires being kept in position by balance weights. The distance between the masts is 650 feet, from centre to centre, and the length of the whole system of five masts for each transmitter about 3,200 feet from tail anchor block to tail anchor block.

At Bodmin transmitting station all the power required will be generated on the site. The generating plant consists of Ruston and Hornsby cold starting engines driving d.c. generators built by Newtons of Taunton. The various voltages required for the operation of the valves will be supplied by motor generators and alternators. The valves themselves will be of the oil cooled type, and the complete valve transmitters will be housed in a separate room adjacent to the power house. The generating plant has been mounted on a concrete raft supported on cork to prevent vibration being transmitted to the transmitting set and the valve oscillators themselves are mounted on a similar raft.

From the transmitting room feeders are led to the aerials by means of copper tubes fixed above the ground.

At the Bridgwater receiving station power is supplied by 13 h.p. two cylinder Aster engines driving the d.c. generators which supply the station with light and run the motors for charging the receiver batteries. The buildings here are smaller than those at the transmitting station owing to the smaller amount of power required.

Both transmitting and receiving stations will be connected by direct land lines with the Central Telegraph Office, G.P.O., London, and the transmitting station will be operated from London by distant control. The incoming signals will be automatically relayed to the land line at Bridgwater and passed on to the Central Telegraph Office so that both stations will be controlled from London. The outgoing and incoming messages will be dealt with at the same table in the telegraph office, thus giving true duplex working and complete central control over the traffic.

By means of the beam system whereby the radiated energy is concentrated in one direction, very much smaller power is required for communicating over any given distance than in the case of high power stations which radiate energy in all directions. In addition, the speed of working and freedom from interference have been greatly increased. Thus, not only will these stations give direct communication between Great Britain and the Dominions by a system which has proved itself, during Senator Marconi's recent experiments, to be superior to anything hitherto existing, but they open up possibilities with regard to Imperial communications which has never before been available, and which has been the ambition of the Dominions for many years past.

The corresponding stations in Canada, near Montreal, and South Africa, near Cape Town, are in practically the same state of advancement as the English stations, and other similar stations of the Imperial system are being erected at Grimsby and Skegness, in England, for communication with other stations at Poona in India, and Melbourne in Australia. In fact, at the present time the Marconi Company has in hand no fewer than 17 short wave transmitting stations.

(Continued on next column.)

BRITISH CIVIL SERVANTS. PROTESTS AGAINST AN EIGHT- HOURS DAY. A TREASURY MOVE.

There is a strong and apparently well-founded conviction in Government departments, says a Parliamentary correspondent, that the question of establishing an eight-hour day in the Civil Service is once again engaging Ministerial attention. It is stated that the Chancellor of the Exchequer recently addressed a minute to officials at the Treasury instructing them to investigate the hours of Civil Servants, and the possibility of increasing them from seven to eight—a change recommended by the Anderson Committee some time ago—is believed to be under consideration.

When a deputation from the Association of British Chambers of Commerce waited upon Mr. Churchill last November a further reduction in the staffs of Government departments was put forward as one of the measures of economy available to Ministers, and it is regarded as certain that an increase in the length of the working day would enable the services of a considerable number of temporary clerks to be dispensed with. The idea that such a departure may be recommended to the Cabinet in a Treasury memorandum has already caused a flutter in the Civil Service.

Mr. W. J. Brown, secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association, said in the course of a statement on the subject:

"For a whole year we fought the Treasury on this proposal and beat them, refusing even to go into joint committees with them. We have not at present heard officially from the Treasury, but we expect to do so at any moment. Whatever financial savings were involved by the additional hour of work demanded would be more than offset by the bad feeling which the change would make by the increase in establishment charges and by the unemployment pay of the temporary staff, which would be dismissed in consequence of the change. The danger is that such a change would have a spectacular value from the Chancellor's point of view. This association will not under any circumstances agree to an infringement of the existing seven-hours day agreement."

Red Tape, the Civil Service Journal, also refers to the matter: "It seems fairly certain, it states, that as part of the movement for economy, there is to be a drastic reduction of staff employed in a large number of departments. This is to be brought about by the abolition of certain blocks of statistical and other work, and by increasing, where possible, the volume of work falling upon individual Civil Servants."

The journal also states that there appears to be an intention to put forward again "that discredited and thrice-repeated device—the eight-hours day."

It adds: "There is no more peace-loving avocation than the Civil Service. Its whole tradition, training, and environment make it so; but it would fight this business, involving as it would the breaking of contracts and agreements to the bitter end."

including its own station at Dorchester, for communication with New York and South America.

The Imperial stations have been designed and are being built by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., for the General Post Office, the buildings and foundations being carried out to the Marconi Company's design by the Foundation Company of London.

At Bodmin the masts have been supplied and erected by the Armstrong Construction Company, and at Bridgwater they have been erected by Messrs. Francis Morton & Co., who are also responsible for the supply and erection of the masts at the Grimsby and Skegness stations.

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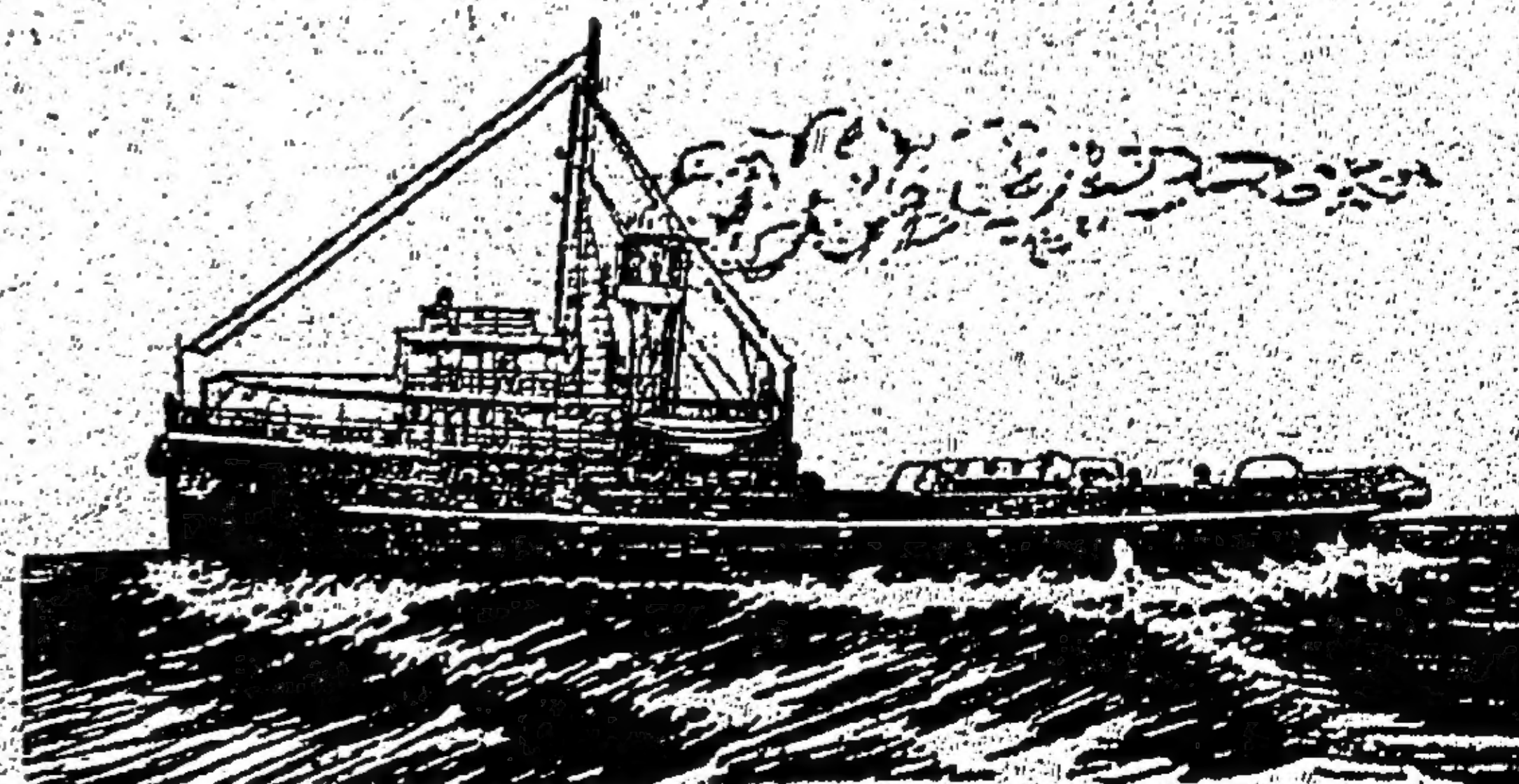
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 10th.

Jude, French str., 335 tons, Capt. P. Maternati, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—Shun Chong S.S. Co.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,578 tons, Capt. G. Byers, from Bangkok and Kohsi-chang, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Newchwang, British str., 1,501 tons, Capt. H. Gifford, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—B. & S.

Santha, British str., 4,840 tons, Capt. A. B. D'Cruz, from Osaka, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

February 12th.

Loo Sang, Chinese str., 781 tons, Capt. Chan Kam, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C11.—Ten Sing Co.

Keweenaw, British str., 1,575 tons, Capt. E. Morris, from Singapore and Amoy, with general cargo and firewood, lying at buoy No. B13.—B. & S.

President Pierce, American str., 3,393 tons, Capt. Fred. E. Anderson, from Manila, with 1,160 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Yamaguchi Maru, Japanese str., 4,250 tons, Capt. T. Okada, from Moji and Osaka, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.

CLEARANCES.

February 11th.

Borneo, for Haiphong.

Reiner Maru, for Singapore.

Newchwang, for Haiphong.

President Pierce, for Shanghai.

Nhaui, for Saigon.

Ting Sang, for Shanghai.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 75, of which 41 were British.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered ten, viz.—six British, one French, one American, one Japanese and one Chinese. The arrivals included four vessels from coast ports. The departures over the same period came to ten, including one for a coast port; with two clearances.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)

For Hongkong 8,091 tons.

For ports beyond 9,718 "

Total 15,807 "

(During twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.)

For Hongkong 11,042 tons.

For ports beyond 11,666 "

Total 23,608 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 5,051 tons were carried by British vessels, the two heaviest entries (2,105 and 1,385 tons) also being brought by British steamers. The remaining entries were all under 1,000 tons.

The arrivals were as under:—The s.s. *Glengarry* (British) from London and Singapore with 235 tons of general cargo and 6,500 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Santha* (British) from Osaka and Amoy with 1,395 tons of cotton goods, safety matches, ammonia, old gunny, isinglass and dried fish, mail and 2,385 tons of similar cargo for ports beyond; the s.s. *Shantung* (British) from Shanghai and Amoy with 813 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Kwangtung* (British) from Bangkok and Kohsi-chang with 2,105 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Keweenaw* (British) from Singapore and Amoy with 203 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Yamaguchi Maru* (Japanese) from Takao and Swatow with 850 tons of general cargo; and the s.s. *Derwent* (Chinese) from Foochow and Amoy with 20 tons of general cargo and mail.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The *Kinshan* has now gone back to the Hongkong-Macao run and her place on the Hongkong-Canton run is taken by the *Paitan*. The *Sui An* has been taken off during this arrangement and will lay up.

The *Kaga Maru* has been unpacked and berthed in the harbour.

Deck passengers entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday totalled 680, of which number the s.s. *Santha* carried 307 from Osaka and Amoy; the s.s. *President Pierce* 216 from Manila; and the s.s. *Shantung* 145 from Shanghai and Amoy.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

The following vessels are in Dock:—Kowloon Dock—Ming Sang, Passat, Seistan, Tangkian, Chip Shing. Tai Koo Dock—Empress of Australia, Huichow, Kiangsu, Chenan, Siberia Maru, Kueichow, Heime Maru, Anhui. COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Ling Nam. At Kowloon Bay—Haifong, L. Onawa, Sup On.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Kobe on February 10th, left at 10 a.m. on Thursday, and is due at Yokohama at 7 a.m. to-day.

The B.I. and Apar Line s.s. *Tilawa* left Kobe for this port on the morning of the 11th, with the outward English mails, and is due to arrive here on the 16th at 8 a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Empress of Asia (C.P.S.), due February 20th.

Tilawa (B.I. & Apar), due February 15th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
February 12th.....	6.57 a.m.	6.10 p.m.
" 13th.....	6.57 "	6.10 "
" 14th.....	6.56 "	6.10 "
" 15th.....	6.56 "	6.10 "
" 16th.....	6.55 "	6.11 "
" 17th.....	6.55 "	6.11 "
" 18th.....	6.54 "	6.11 "
" 19th.....	6.53 "	6.12 "
" 20th.....	6.52 "	6.12 "
" 21st.....	6.51 "	6.13 "
" 22nd.....	6.50 "	6.13 "
" 23rd.....	6.50 "	6.14 "
" 24th.....	6.49 "	6.14 "
" 25th.....	6.48 "	6.15 "
" 26th.....	6.48 "	6.15 "
" 27th.....	6.47 "	6.16 "
" 28th.....	6.46 "	6.16 "

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 11th.			
	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Day at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.91	30.15	30.17
Temperature	70	60	64
Humidity	78	84	76
Wind Direction	NE	E	E
" Force	3	0	3
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 10th ... 65
Lowest open-air Temperature on 11th ... 60

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Feb. 12th to 18th, 1926.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Days of Week	Days of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height	Days of Week	Days of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	12	h. m.	ft. in.	Fri.	12	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 1	4 4			3 31	0 3
Satur.	13	8 58	8 1	Satur.	13	4 12	2 8
		9 43	8 0			3 19	2 6
Sun.	14	11 22	6 7	Sun.	14	4 52	0 8
		10 42	7 7			4 9	2 4
Mon.	15	0 14	4 8	Mon.	15	5 33	0 7
		11 39	7 1			4 58	2 3
Tues.	16	0 39	4 9	Tues.	16	6 13	1 2
		11 39	4 9			5 49	2 4
Wed.	17	0 59	6 4	Wed.	17	6 52	1 7
		1 13	5 1			6 48	2 6
Thur.	18	1 42	5 6	Thur.	18	7 31	2 4
		2 2	5 2			8 2	2 7

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KARONE MARU ... Saturday, 27th Feb.
SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 13th Mar.

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NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKEUCHI MARU ... Saturday, 20th Feb.
HAKODATE MARU ... Friday, 5th Mar.

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KAMAKURA MARU ... Saturday, 27th Feb.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

WAKASA MARU ... Wednesday, 17th Feb.
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Monday, 15th Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

ONYLON MARU ... Tuesday, 23rd Feb.
BANGKOK via Singapore & Penang.

SHINGEI MARU ... Thursday, 18th Feb.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 17th Feb.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

BENGAL MARU ... Saturday, 13th Feb.
TOYOOKA MARU ... Wednesday, 17th Feb.

HAKOZAKI MARU ... Monday, 22nd Feb.
YAMAGATA MARU ... Monday, 22nd Feb.

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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUISANG"	Wednesday, 17th Feb., at Noon.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"LEESANG"	Thursday, 18th Feb., at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Thursday, 18th Feb., at 3 p.m.
KOBE via MOJI	"SUISANG"	Friday, 19th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENSTIN via CHEFOO	"CHIPSANG"	Friday, 19th Feb., at Noon.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"FAUSANG"	Friday, 19th Feb., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Wednesday, 24th Feb., at Noon.
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"SAARBRUECKEN" ...	19th June	25th May
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TIKIBODAS	"SALIA & M'KAR"	27th "	1st Mar.	AMOI & S'HAU
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"KALYAN"	9,144	31st Apr.	do.
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"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,903	26th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
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"SHIBALA"	7,841	23rd Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MOREA"	10,918	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	20th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"SHANTUNG"	...	On 12th Feb.	4 p.m.
"TEAN"	...	On 12th Feb.	Noon
"CHINKIANG"	...	On 14th Feb.	11 a.m.
"SINKIANG"	...	On 17th Feb.	11 a.m.
"KAIKINGSU"	...	On 17th Feb.	4 p.m.
"SUIYANG"	...	On 18th Feb.	Noon
"KAYING"	...	On 19th Feb.	5 p.m.
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ANGKOR	2nd Mar.
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On Monday, the 15th inst. there will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sunday, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.
The Monday Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

NOTICE

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH SERVICES, which offer speedy and efficient means of communication, are established between HONGKONG and SHANGHAI at SEA, FRENCH INDO-CHINA, the PROVINCE of YUNNAN, and MADAGASCAR.
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RADIO TELEGRAPH CODE ADDRESSES FOR THE YEAR 1926 should be registered at the Radio Telegraph Office, 3rd floor, Government Building without delay. Forms may be obtained on application.

Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice.
Intercept Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.
Messages in Code must have name of Code used included in text.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. McKinley	12th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	12th Feb.
SHANGHAI and EUROPE via SIBERIA	Kashima Maru	12th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Shuyang	13th Feb.
EUROPE via NEGAPATAM (Letters only, London, 14th Jan.)	Laiyang	14th Feb.
EUROPE via NEGAPATAM (Papers only, London, 14th Jan.)	Tubay	15th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Garfield	15th Feb.
SHANGHAI	D'Aragnat	16th Feb.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Tango Maru	17th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Taft	18th Feb.
JAPAN	Mishima Maru	23rd Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Haiphong	N'achucang	Friday, 12th, 9:30 A.M.
Strait and Calcutta	Sankha	Parcels 10:00 A.M.
Shanghai	Shantung	Letters 11:00 A.M.
Hongkong	Tian	2:30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 10th March, and EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)—(Ship sails on Chinese New Year Day, the 15th inst., at 5 p.m.)	Pres. Pierce	Parcels 3:00 P.M. Reg. 3:15 P.M. Letters 5:00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th March—(Ship sails on Chinese New Year Day, the 15th inst., at 11 a.m.)	Kashima Maru	Reg. 4:15 P.M. Letters 5:00 P.M.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	5:00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Suwa Maru	5:00 P.M.
Haiphong	Tonkin	5:00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Honan Maru	Sunday, 14th, 9:00 A.M.
Manila	Pres. Garfield	Monday, 15th, 5:00 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

February 11th, 1926.

On London—	
Telegraphic Transfer	3/4 3/4
Bank Bills, on demand	3/4 7/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	3/4 7/16
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	3/4 7/16
Credits, at 4 months' sight	3/4 7/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	3/4 7/16
On Paris—	
Bank Bills, on demand	156 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	155 1/2
On New York—	
Bank Bills, on demand	57 1/2
Credits, at 30 days' sight	58 1/2
On Bombay—	
Telegraphic Transfer	156 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	156 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Telegraphic Transfer	156 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	156 1/2
On Shanghai—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On Yokohama—On demand	127 1/2
On Manila—On demand	113 1/2
On Singapore—On demand	101 1/2
On Batavia—On demand	101 1/2
On Hongkong—On demand	nom.
On Saigon—On demand	nom.
On Bangkok—On demand	78 1/2
Sovereign, Bank's buying rate	83.24
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	—
Bar Silver, per oz.	30 1/2

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital	\$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	\$50,000,000
Reserve Funds—	
Sterling	\$4,500,000
Silver	\$28,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	\$30,000,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1925. [25]

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THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month, at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.
Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSITS at CURRENT RATES.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARKOW, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1926. [2]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

Head Office: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital	£23,000,000
Reserve Fund	£24,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£23,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. EBERSON, Manager.
Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

Head Office: 60, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital—Fr.	75,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital—Fr.	68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund—Fr.	59,667,282.54

Bangkok	Hanoi	Fondicherry
Batavia	Hongkong	Haiphong
Canton	Mongtsu	Shanghai
Djibouti	Noumea	Singapore
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT, Manager.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [28]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office: 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital	£23,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund	£1,300,000

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HONGKONG BRANCHES:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 3 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital	Fr. 20,000,000
Reserves	Fr. 11,160,000
Special Working Capital	Fr. 50,000,000

BRANCHES:
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BANKERS:
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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN, Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1925.

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Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 45,000,000
Capital Paid-up	Yen 39,375,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

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T. TAKAGI, Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH, 3, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, 1st December, 1925. [27]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG. Established 1912.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	£1,200,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	£1,078,000
SILVER RESERVE FUND	£ 700,000

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(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	860,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL	19,780,500.00
RESERVE FUND	9,884,398.89

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

Hongkong Branch: 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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TSUYEE PEI, Manager.
Hongkong, January 16th, 1926. [28]

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Established 1824.

Hongkong Branch established 1903.

Authorized Capital: Guilders 160,000,000.

Paid-up Capital	80,000,000
Reserve Fund	26,888,870
Special Reserves	20,888,891
	(£1,711,406)
	(£1,888,320)

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"HELEUS" 23rd Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

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